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THE MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

November 30, 1902.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; George J. Crist, 1900.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary;* George J. Crist, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, (1900-'03); Emil J. Bishop, (1900-'03); Simon Rau, ('99-'02); Albert G. Rau, ('99-'02); Charles H. Eggert, ('01-'04); James T. Borhek, ('01-'04).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—J. Samuel Krause, *President*, ('99 '02); Joseph M. Leibert, *Treasurer*, ('99-'02); Edward J. Krause, *Secretary*, ('01-'04); William V. Knauss, (1900-'03); Allen J. Sterner, (1900-'03); Franklin C. Stout, (1900-'03); Harry J. Meyers, ('99-'02); Abraham S. Schropp, ('01-'04); Aaron B. Levers, ('01-'04).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* George J. Crist, *Member ex officio;* Richard W. Leibert, *Treasurer*, ('01-'04); Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('01-'04); Abraham C. Prince, (1900-'03); William F. Schneller, (1900-'03); Henry A. Krause, ('99-'02); Charles H. Wenhold, ('99-'02).

ALMONERS.—Simon Rau, *President*, ('01-'06); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, (1900-'05); Cornelius W. Krause, ('99-'04); Matthew J. Schmid, ('98-'03); Abraham R. Benner ('99-'02).

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AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Charles W. Clewell, and J. Samuel Wolle, (all 1901–'02).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('01–'02).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Edward J. Krause, ('01–'02).

The Church Council consists of all members of the Congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter (Handbook, pp. 21 and 61).

The above officers, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the Congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8 and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws. (Handbook, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the Congregation are given in Section VIII.

[As a matter of reference for the year 1903, it is to be noted that although the list of officers of the congregation is corrected only to November 30th, 1902, the following change was made by the Church Council in December: in the place of Simon Rau, Elder, (resigned) George W. Riegel, Sr., (1902–'05). All the other incumbents whose terms expired in 1902 were re-elected.]

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets,

Sunday: 10.30 A.M. Litany and Sermon; 7.00 P.M. Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer.)

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M. Litany and Sermon (German).

Tuesday: 4.15 P.M. Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

Wednesday: 7.30 P.M. Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8.30 A.M. Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST BETHLEHEM CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9.00 A.M. The West Bethlehem Sunday School; 7.00 P.M. Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

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Friday: 7.30 P.M. Meeting of the West Bethlehem Y. P. S. C. E.

Saturday: 3 P.M. Meeting of the West Bethlehem Junior S. C. E.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9.00 A.M. The Laurel Street Sunday School; 10.30 A.M. Litany and Sermon.

7.00 P.M. Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Monday: 4.15 P.M. Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P.M. Meeting of the Laurel Street Y.P.S.C.E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1.45 P.M. The Central Sunday School.

Friday: 7.30 P.M. Meeting of the Central Y.P.S.C.E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pages 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pages 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P.M. 4. The Eves of all Choir Festivals.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Handbook, pages 92-100.

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PREFACE.

THE One Hundred and Sixty First Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation at Bethlehem, Pa., covers, as a study of the following pages will show, not a full year, but only the *eleven months January to November, inclusive*, of the year 1902. The Report was closed at that time, November 30th, in order to bring about a desirable uniformity in all the statements, as to the time covered. The financial statements submitted to Church Council always cover the twelve months ending November 30th, and the ecclesiastical year begins with the First Sunday in Advent, immediately afterwards. In addition to these two reasons for the change instituted by the Board of Elders, was the opportunity that will hereafter be afforded those in charge of the preparation of the Report to do part of the work before the busy festal season commences. It will also be a distinct advantage to have the Report in the hands of the membership as soon as possible in each new year.

Following the precedent of last year, only such matter has been printed as will have interest for the membership at large. Every report from the organizations within the congregation has been condensed into a form that will be found suitable for reference, and the effort has been made in each case to present faithfully the situation of every part of the congregation's work.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

Nowhere else have the privileges of the Gospel been more regularly extended than in our own community. The regularity of divine service throughout the weeks and months and years has, in fact, come to be almost a matter taken for granted. The period now under review has been no exception. The good health of the pastors, and the assistance willingly offered by other resident ministers whenever it became necessary that one or the other of the pastors themselves should be temporarily absent from his pulpit, have made it possible to reduce to the minimum the number of occasions on which any one of the places of worship had to be closed.

Morning and evening services are held each Sunday in the Central Church and in Laurel Street Chapel, while in the Old Chapel (German) and in West Bethlehem Chapel one preaching service each Lord's Day has been the rule. On occasions that are of special importance to the whole congregation in the Central Church the Chapels are usually closed, but, in order that the interruption of worship in connection with the branches may not affect the faithfulness of those who are attendants at the Chapels, there has been as little omission as possible. With reference to the attendance at the House of God, it is gratifying to be able to record that there has been a considerable improvement during the course of the year. And still more encouraging is the fact that increasing regularity has marked the attendance. The increase in the number of children, in company with their parents, is also a good sign. Parents can well give more loving attention to this matter, and the Church of the future will profit vastly by it.

The many strangers who also worship with us make it doubly necessary for us to be ready to extend a welcome to every one in the Master's name.

In the learning of this and other little graces, which make for the good health of the Church, the year has been a profitable one.

The number of services held during the eleven months in the

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Church and Chapels, exclusive of all meetings of Sunday Schools, societies, etc., is as follows:

In the Church, 161; in the Old Chapel, 161; in the West Bethlehem Chapel, 90; in the Laurel Street Chapel, 130; total, 542.

Of baptisms and other rites administered, the following is the record:

Baptisms: Infants; in the Church, 7; at the homes of the parents, 15; total, 22.

Adult Baptisms: In the Church, 7.

Confirmations: In the Church, 50.

Receptions from other Churches: In the Church, 23.

Marriages: In the Church, 2; in the homes of people, or at the parsonages, 15, total, 17.

Funerals: In the Church, or at the homes, 25.

Holy Communion: Administered in the Church and Old Chapel 14 times to 3011 communicants. While no record has been kept of the sick or infirm to whom this sacrament has been administered there have been a number of such private services at each Communion season.

II.—THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

The present system of pastoral oversight of the congregation has now been under trial for a full year, and its advantages or disadvantages, with possible opportunities for improvement, are becoming patent to all those who are brought within its reach.

As stated in last year's Report, the division of territory over which each pastor exercises special care is not to limit or hamper him in any way in the ministerial labors to which he might be called in *any* portion of the field. But inasmuch as it is manifestly impossible for any one pastor to come into the proper touch with each of the nearly two thousand persons connected with the congregation, and maintain that relationship, the present arrangement has been made. Ordinarily, therefore, Brother Stengel finds his pastoral work mainly in West Bethlehem and among

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the German-speaking membership, and Brother Crist in the northern part of Bethlehem; but it must be distinctly understood that these lines do not exist to strictly define the pastoral service of any one of the several pastors. It is simply the natural outgrowth of the division of ministerial service in the four pulpits, the Central, Old Chapel, and the West Bethlehem and Laurel Street Chapels.

The visitation of members in their homes has been given special attention during the months under review, and the effort has been made to become personally acquainted with each member, and to know the spiritual health of all. It will be easily understood that the success attending this truest form of pastoral service is dependent upon the degree of heartiness with which the pastors have been received in each case. Naturally where there is sickness their ministrations have been most frequent and cordially welcomed, but they would be glad to be recognized as coming on the Master's business at all times, seeking always to be helpful in spiritual things to those upon whom they call.

However, since at times of sickness it is naturally expected that the pastors should be ready to show attention, it is greatly to be desired that all sickness should be promptly reported to one or the other of them, else it can scarcely be considered a failure on their part if no visit is made.

Altogether, a spirit of cordial co-operation between all those who are members of the congregation, whether in official position or not, is the only guarantee that the largest and most blessed results are to be looked for.

The keeping of the machinery of the congregation-corporation in running order is the very smallest part of the ministerial office. The growth in grace of those who are already disciples of Christ, and the conversion to the saving knowledge of Jesus of those who are not yet Christians,—these are the concerns of the true minister of the Gospel. For the accomplishment of these ends the earnest and vigorous and prayerful assistance of each member of the congregation is both necessary and hereby asked.

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III.—THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

Our fathers have bequeathed to us many policies that have proven their worth under the experience and trial of many years. The energetic prosecution of missionary and evangelistic work is one of these. But another, no less important, is the thorough education of the children of the Church, in all things that have to do with their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. The Provincial institutions have become famous through their long and honored service. But the Bethlehem congregation also maintains for its own children schools that are constantly seeking to increase their efficiency in the direction of the aim just pointed out.

The three Sunday Schools and the Parochial Day School are the component parts of the system that has long ago been adopted. A closer view of each will now be presented.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

One of the most serious features of the present outlook, when a survey is made of the whole congregation, is the decrease in the number of children enrolled. The business changes that have occurred in recent years, and particularly lately, have compelled the removal from town of many young families, to seek employment elsewhere. This is a heavy drain on the membership of the Church, particularly since the Moravian Church has so few congregations established in the larger cities which have now become the homes of those who have thus moved.

To depend therefore only upon the natural growth of Moravian families for the increase of the membership of the Sunday Schools is simply to see the slow but sure contraction of the sphere of usefulness of these agencies of the Church. If, however, those connected with the several schools honestly face the situation, and vigorously adopt measures looking toward bringing into the schools those who are connected with no Church or Sunday School, there will follow expansion, instead of contraction. It is high time that something be done along this line, for the past years have been showing a steady decrease in the totals.

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Personal visitation on the part of all the teachers, and the cultivation of a spirit of enthusiastic winning of new scholars, together with the teaching that this is as truly carrying out the command of the Saviour as is the great foreign missionary work in which so many of the adults of our Church are engaged, will undoubtedly turn the tide in the opposite direction. At the end of 1898 the total enrollment of the Sunday Schools was 1535, including the Home Department. At the close of 1902, also including the Home Department, the total was 1319, a falling away of 216 in four years.

For the reason that the future health of the Church depends almost entirely upon the attention that is paid to the children of the present, the figures have been given above as plain facts. They indicate a drain upon the strength of the Church far more weakening than any disaster that might overtake the financial resources with which we have been entrusted.

The outlook, therefore, does not conduce to pessimism, but does teach the crying need of a united effort to win back all that has been lost, and to carry on an aggressive campaign for the widening of the work of all the schools. For this wisdom and patience and sturdy consecration will be required, on the part of every one who has at heart the welfare of the congregation. But these may be asked from the Lord, and no needy cry will be unanswered.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The splendid efforts made by the Congregation to provide a building which should in every way be suitable for Sunday School work had its reward in the completion of the roomy and well-equipped building which now stands southeast of the Parochial School. The Central Sunday School took possession of this building on April 6th, appropriate exercises being held in the afternoon. Although a most inclement day, there was a large congregation present.

Entrance into this model home has stimulated the work of the school in many ways, and it is now in a vigorous state of health. There has been but little change in the personnel of the officers

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and teachers during the year, although many changes were rendered necessary in the formation of the classes by the entrance into the new quarters.

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer: Scholars, male, 196; female, 239; total, 435. Officers, male, 13; female, 10. Teachers, male, 12; female, 30; total, 42. Officers and teachers (eliminating duplicate names), 51. Grand total enrollment, male, 216; female, 269; total, 486. Total average attendance, 320. The expenses of the eleven months have been $306.84, and the donations $590.77.

The enrollment of the Home Department: Male, 18; female, 144; total, 162. Therefore, there are 648 persons directly connected with this school.

On March 2nd Mrs. Naomi Bishop was elected Superintendent of the Home Department, but was obliged by illness to relinquish this work. On November 23rd Mrs. Almeda Renshaw was elected to the vacancy. The contributions for three quarters of the year were $118.38.

Ten visitors are engaged in this department.

B.—THE WEST BETHLEHEM SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Especially during the Summer months has the need of teachers been felt in this school, for at that time many of the students of the Theological Seminary are absent from town. Quite a number of resident teachers have, however, been added to the corps during these months.

At the expiration of his term of office, in the Summer, Brother Edward Wilhelm declined reëlection to the position of Superintendent, having for several years labored efficiently in this capacity. His place has been filled by Rev. Albert P. Haupert, who just at that time was called to a professorship in the Theological Seminary.

Although the statistics show a decrease since the last report, the latter months again gave evidence of renewed spirit and vitality. While in former years there was but one Sunday School on the West Side, there are now several, and this has had much

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to do with the limiting of attendance of non-Moravian children.

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer: Scholars, male, 104; female, 134; total, 238. Officers, male, 9. Teachers, male, 13; female, 23; total, 36. Total enrollment, 283. Average attendance, 188. Expenses, $77.66. Donations, $115. Trust Fund investment, $100.

In the Home Department there is an enrollment of 5 male and 51 female, total 56. The donations from this department for the months under review were $25.53. The Superintendent is Miss Glendora Haus, who is assisted by five visitors.

C—THE LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The school at the beginning of the year was in charge of Bro. Frederick Hartmann, who in June left town on account of business, and resigned the superintendency, which was then assumed by Bro. C. H. Wenhold, Jr. who was formally appointed by the Board of Elders, August 31, 1902, and still holds this position.

The year has witnessed a season of sifting, and now, while the enrollment is not so large as in former years, the average attendance is very much better.

This school has ever been engaged in good work, in a community where Sunday School work is greatly appreciated by parents of Non-Moravians, as well as Moravians. The future out-look is very encouraging, and we hope to see definite work accomplished for Christ and the Church in this field.

Abstract from reports of the Secretary and Treasurer: Nov. 30, 1902. Scholars, male, 122; female, 166; total, 288. Officers, male, 4; female, 1, total, 5. Teachers, male, 8; female 17, total, 25. Grand total enrollment, male, 134; female, 184; total, 318. Average attendance 210. Expenses $202.87. Donations $75.00.

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II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Although last year's report had shown a marked degree of prosperity attending the work of the school during that period, we can now record a still greater development, for both numerically and in equipment the school has been growing. A donation from the Alumni Association in June enabled the Principal to add a Chemical Laboratory. During the Summer extensive improvements were made in the sanitary equipment of the building, and the unsightly annex on the eastern side was removed, the stairs to the Hall being built within the main structure instead. While these changes necessitated the postponement of the reopening of school a week in the Fall, the present advantages more than make up for the delay.

The enrollment of scholars is at present: Male, 122; female, 114; total 236; the enrollment of teachers: male, 4; female, 8; total, 12. In June there were graduated: male, 14; female, 8; total, 22.

The school-year for 1901-1902 closed on June 27th, the Commencement exercises taking place at 9.30 o'clock on that date. The Annual Sermon had been preached on the preceding Sunday by the Rev. J. De Hart Bruen, of Belvidere, N. J., and the Address on the Commencement morning was delivered by the Rev. J. Taylor Hamilton, D. D. The Entertainment took place on the evening of June 26th.

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The following is an abstract from the Treasurer's Report.

Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending November 30, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$ 1022 56
Tuition from Moravians	$1112 50	
Tuition from Non-Moravians	3122 30—	4234 80
Hall Rent for use of Chapel		51 00
Miscellaneous:		
For Gas Engine sold	100 00	
From Graduates for Invitation Cards	36 00	
From Alumni Ass'n for Laboratory	30 00—	166 00
Board of Trustees, appropriation for 1902		5167 53
		$10,641 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel		$143 44
Miscellaneous Expenses		828 41
Chemical Laboratory		75 79
Physical Laboratory		11 88
Books and Stationery		125 95
Salaries		7,325 00
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1902	363 89	
Balance in hands of Board of Trustees	1767 53—	2,131 42
		$10,641 89

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IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Women's Missionary Society.*

Organized March 8, 1818.

It is only right that in a Moravian congregation, immediately following the report of the Schools, should come that of the missionary agencies that are at work, both at home and abroad, for the extension of the knowledge of the Savior and his grace.

The women were the first to band themselves together with a view to the special prosecution of this work, as will be seen from the date of organization, and it will be but a few years until the century has been rounded out. Other Congregations, of other denominations of Christ's Church have found their strength for missionary endeavor proceeding also largely from their Women's Societies. Far be it, then, from us, to allow this time-honored Society of ours to suffer for any lack of interest.

The total membership of the Society is 279, which, we are sad to say, shows a decrease of 11 since last year's report. Five members died during the year, but their place was more than filled by the enrollment of seven persons. It ought to require but the presentation of the cause to secure many new names for membership.

Two special meetings were held during the year, and one Board meeting, besides the annual business meeting and the Anniversary, held on the evening of Whitsunday, May 18th. The address on this last named occasion was delivered by the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, and was a strong discussion of the "Reasons for Mission Deficits". The collection following this address was particularly good.

The following are a few facts from the Treasurer's report. The receipts of the year were $822.00, of which $82.00 was interest, $145.00 was gathered by the Collectors, and $95 the result of collections in church and chapels. Among the beneficiaries of the

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Society were the Mission at Bluefields, Nicaragua, the Leper Home in Jerusalem, the Mission at Kalatse, West Himalaya, and Friedensthal, St. Croix.

The names of the officers are:—Mrs. James T. Borhek, *President*, 1902; Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, *1st* Vice President, 1902; Mrs. Emil J. Bishop, *2nd Vice President*, 1902; Mrs. Louisa Meyers, *Treasurer*, 1893; Mrs Franklin H. Brunner, *Secretary*, 1902; Miss Clara Frueauff, *Librarian*, 1897; Miss Emma Hillman, 1894, Miss Mary Ann Rice, 1901, Mrs Caroline Detterer, 1896, Mrs D. Sensenbach, 1899, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, 1892, Miss Emily Meyers 1901, Mrs Abraham Benner, 1892, Mrs. David Groman, 1885, Miss Belle Doster, 1901, Miss Lillie Neuman, 1901, *Collectors, and members of the Board of Managers.*

2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The total membership of this Society shows an increase of 24 over that of last year, being 330, as over against 306 of December, 1901. This is distributed as follows: active, 194, honorary, 85, life, 51. Thus while, as has always been the case, the largest part of the work falls to a comparatively few, yet there is no decrease in the number of those who form the reserve force of the Society.

Ten Business meetings were held in the course of the eleven months, and seven special meetings.

The Anniversary took place on January 19th. The pastor presided at the lovefeast in the afternoon, at which the report of the retiring President was communicated. In the evening, before a congregation which crowded the Central Church, Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D., of Brooklyn, editor-in-chief of the "Missionary Review of the World", delivered the annual address.

At the beginning of the year a series of monthly meetings was planned, the purpose being to cover gradually in an educational scheme all the Mission Fields of the Church. Before each meeting printed leaflets were distributed, containing concise information regarding each field, as well as a map showing all the

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stations there at the present time. On several occasions large maps were drawn, for the use of the speaker, by pupils in the Girl's Junior Class of the Parochial School. This definite scheme of addresses, being carefully prepared, has borne good fruit. The addresses were given as follows:

April 9th, "Southern California", Rev. J. T. Hamilton, D. D.

May 14th, "German East Africa", Rev. A. Schultze, D. D.

June 11th, "China, as effected by the Boxer Rebellion", Rev. W. F. Bade, Ph. D.

July 16th, "The Moskito Coast", Rev. F. W. Stengel.

September 10th, "The Lepers of Surinam", Rev. Henry Weiss.

October 19th, "International Character of the Moravian Church and its Mission Work", Rev. Paul de Schweintz.

November 12th, "Tibet", Rev. A. D Thaeler.

In the early part of the year the question of vacating the present rooms of the Society and of meeting in a place to be designated by the Board of Elders was discussed. Permission was secured to use the Normal Class Rooms of the Sunday School Chapel, but difficulty was encountered in the matter of storing the Museum; so the present rooms were retained as heretofore.

The Treasurer's report for eleven months shows that the income of the Society was $323.00, of which $46.50 was interest, $42.65 the amount of annual dues, and $233.85 the sum gathered at the anniversary and special meetings.

Donations were made to the Bohemian Mission, the Leper Hospital Cistern Fund, the Mission Deficit, the Greenbay, Antigua, Mission, the Alaska Launch Fund, the Alaska Mission the Leper Hospital in Surinam, and the Leh Hospital.

The present Officers are: Fred H. Wilhelm, *President;* Oliver M. Barres, *Vice President;* Frank A Schrader, *Secretary;* Frank E. Schneller, *Treasurer;* Charles H. Traeger, *Chairman Museum Com.;* T. Edgar Shields, *Librarian.*

[Since the beginning of 1903 the following are the officers: Howard J. Wiegner, *President;* John L. Bishop, *Vice-President;* Paul H. Bishop, *Secretary;* Frank E. Schneller, *Treasurer.*]

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3.—*The Home Missionary Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; organized August 28, 1849; incorporated January 16, 1888.

Four meetings of the Board were held during the year, at which the appropriations were made, and the usual arrangements attended to concerning the annual house-to-house collection and the Annual Meeting.

This was held on May 25th, following the Anniversary service, at which the speaker was the Rev. Maurice F. Oerter, of Riverside, N. J. Representing a Home Mission of this Province, the address was a strong plea for the prosecution with vigor of the work to which the Society is committed. The annual canvass of the congregation was made in May, and resulted in the collection of $302.76. Besides the monthly offerings and the annual collection in September, a special offering was asked for on August 17th, in aid of the District Board of Church Extension.

These collections for the eleven months amounted to $658.45. The income from investments was $134.00. The total for the period was $1095.21

The officers of the Society are as follows:—Rev. A. D. Thaeler, *President;* Rev. F. W. Stengel, *Vice President;* Augustus H. Leibert, *Recording Secretary*; Edward J. Krause, *Corresponding Secretary;* Simon Rau, *Treasurer;* James T. Borhek, George J. Grider, Rev. H. A. Jacobson, Henry A. Krause, H. B. Schneller, W. S. Hermany, *Directors.*

4.—*The Mite Society.*

Organized in 1878.

For 24 years this organization has been teaching the value of gathering the small contributions of those who are not able to give in large amounts. The twelve ladies who have assumed the arduous labor of collecting the offerings from time to time have rendered a greater service than is generally appreciated. Though received in such small sums the total amount accumulated during the eleven months was $113, all of which was given to the General Foreign Mission Treasury.

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The membership is slightly larger than at the last report, being now 199. of which number 20 are men. The amount gathered from time to time is so small that no one would feel its loss, nor regret having given it. Nor are all the rest of the members of the congregation in the ranks of the other Missionary societies. Why, then, should not the roll of membership in this quietly working association of givers be more then doubled? The suggestion is commended to the thoughtful consideration of all.

The Officers are: Miss Helen de Schweinitz, *President;* Miss Emily L. Meyers, *Secretary;* Miss Mary Krause, *Treasurer;* Mrs. A. G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Miss Emily Knauss, Miss Belle Doeter, Miss Emily Lange, Miss Lillie Neuman, Miss Lucy Brickenstein, Miss Alice Prince and Miss Antoinette Prince, *Additional Collectors.*

5.—*The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.*

Organized May 10, 1881.

Membership in this Missionary Society is a part of the Christian education here given. All of the students in the School are therefore members of the Society. It is not a large sum that is asked from each member, nor is the sum total of the contributions large. But the emphasizing of the fact that Christian education, means a training to look beyond the things of our own is one of the main purposes of the organization, and the regularity of the giving is also worth much in the training which the School is seeking to impart to all who come within its range of influence. The membership is now 236,—122 boys, and 114 girls.

The Receipts were $47.73, and donations were made to Alaska, Friedensthal in St Croix, the Leper Hospital, and to the General Mission Treasury.

The Officers are: Karl de Schweinitz, *President;* Florence Prince, *Vice President;* Miriam De Long, *Secretary;* Paul Bishop, *Treasurer.*

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6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Missionary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; Organized November 28, 1888.

This Society has no signed membership, each member of the Bethlehem congregation being considered a member also of this organization, which collects the offerings from house to house for the Mission in Alaska, these offerings being counted part of the congregation's contribution for that cause.

No business meeting was held this year, the Officers and Directors holding over from last year.

The Secretary, Bro. J. Augustus Rice, resigned by letter in August of last year, but no appointment has yet been made to supply the place.

A meeting was held, under the auspices of the Society, in the Central Church on the evening of September 28th., at which addresses were made by Brother and Sister Benjamin Helmich, missionaries to Alaska on furlough. This meeting was held as a reminder to the congregation of the house-to-house collection to be made during the month of October.

From the Treasurer we learn that the offering on New Year's Eve amounted to $57.33, and the General Collection to $505.31. The total. therefore, less expenses, was $538.59.

The officers are: Frank I. Klinker, *President*, 1901; Franklin H. Brunner, *Vice-President*, 1901; Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, 1901.

Directors.—The Pastors, *ex-officio;* Charles H. Eggert, 1888; C. O. Brunner, 1888, Theodore Kampmann, 1895, Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1899, Miss Emily Meyers, 1900, Miss Charlotte Heine, 1894, Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1895, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1892, Mrs. Samuel W. Mack, 1892, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau, 1894.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Ladies' Sewing Society.*

Organized January 28, 1869.

The active membership of this, the oldest of the Sewing Societies, is 25, with an honorary membership of 17. The meetings have been held regularly in the N. W. room of the church.

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While the work goes on through the year, the donations to home Missionaries are usually made at Christmas time, so will not appear at all in this report. Six surplices, however, were made and given to young ministers going out into the field during the term covered by the report. The receipts of the year were $290.60.

A new sewing machine was the very acceptable gift to the Society of Mrs. William V. Knauss.

Are the faithfulness and self-sacrifice of these ladies fully appreciated, who give a large part of one afternoon each week to this work, in order that they may thus at the festal-tide brighten the lot of the scattered Home Missionaries?

The following are the officers for 1902: Mrs. F. H. Huth, *President*, 1901; Mrs. Levin Leibfried, *Vice-President*, 1901; Mrs. Otelia de Schweinitz, *Secretary*, 1890; Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp, *Treasurer*, 1884.

2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

Organized October 9, 1881.

With a membership of 12, and an average weekly attendance of 7, this Society carries on steadily its work for the Theological Seminary.

Before the close of the Summer term, a Reception was given by the Circle, at the Seminary, which was a most pleasant event to be remembered by those especially who soon after went out into their life-work. Beside the expense of this occasion, which was met by the Society itself, the donations to the Seminary during the eleven months amount to $100.

Miss Caroline Stadiger is the leader of the Circle.

3.—*The Busy Workers.*

Organized March 1, 1884.

This Society now numbers 12 active, and 9 honorary members, several who had once been connected with it now finding themselves able to enroll themselves again in an active capacity.

The Annual Fair was held on June 7th, and was a success in every way. The Sale held each Winter, being appointed for a

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date in December, usually adds materially to the proceeds of the work of the Society, but will have to be reported next year.

The Alaska Mission, Home Mission Treasury, the Theological Seminary and the new Sunday School Chapel each received donations of $50. The receipts for the year amounted to $302.45.

Officers: Miss Isabel Bailey, *President;* Mrs. Margaret Morris, *Vice-President;* Miss Emily F. Knauss, *Treasurer;* Miss Alice Prince, *Secretary.*

4.—*The Twenty Minute Society.*

Organized October, 1886.

This Society enters upon its tenth year with a membership of 21 of the ladies of the congregation, who gladly give a considerable amount of their time to the work which gathers together the contents of one or more large boxes of supplies for the families of Home Missionaries. No disparaging remarks can be made of the boxes sent out by these ladies, for nothing is put into them that is not wholly serviceable and worthy of acceptance by the most sensitive and self-respecting.

Eight meetings were held during the period covered by this report, and one box of clothing and household goods was sent to the West, which, together with the check accompanying it, was valued at $314.22.

A donation of $25 was also made to the Building Fund of the Sunday School Chapel.

The officers are: Mrs. Edward H. Jacobson, *President*, 1894; Mrs. Eugene A. Rau, *Treasurer*, 1894; Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, *Corresponding Secretary*, 1897; Mrs. Joseph A. Rice, *Recording Secretary*, 1894.

C.—THE UNION OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. First Circles formed in 1887.

The past eleven months have shown a healthy growth, numerically, and, we believe, also spiritually. Four new Circles have been added to the Union, which now embraces 25 Circles, under 17 Leaders, 3 new Leaders and 48 new members having come

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into the Union "in His name" since our last report. The entire membership is now 336. Three members departed this life during the year.

Since the work of the Union has been described in previous reports, nothing further is said now along that line. The individual work of the members and of the various Circles is not of the nature that can be reckoned, for there is much which the "right hand does, which the left hand does not know." The general reports can simply deal with those things that concern the Union as a whole, or which can be learned from the Treasurers' reports of the Circles. The Union's nurse, Miss Jean Skinner, has been on duty 253½ days during the year, which in itself shows how great a need is being thus supplied. The calls for her services are constant, and her work has been largely blessed, as it had been in the past.

The amount of money on interest to date is $1050.00, while the amount of cash on hand at the annual meeting of the Union on November 24th, for running expenses, was $554.98. The separate Circles report that the amount that passed through their hands during the year was $904.60. This is a splendid showing, and is proof positive of the fact that the work of the King's Daughters and Sons has not yet reached the highest point of its development. At the Annual Meeting it was voted to tender the entire Congregation a Reception on or about the date of the anniversary of the Order, January 13th.

The following are the officers of the Union and the various Circles:

Miss Elizabeth A. Luckenbach, *President;* Mrs. Eugene A. Rau, Mrs. Hannah Roest, Miss Helen de Schweinitz, *Vice-Presidents;* Miss Alice Shelly, *Corresponding Secretary;* Miss Annie A. Becker, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Susie Milchsach, *Treasurer;* Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, Mrs. F. W. Stengel, Mrs. George J. Crist, *Nurse Committee.*

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NAMES OF CIRCLES AND THEIR LEADERS.

1. Helpers' Circle, 1887, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz.
2. Watchful Circle, 1887, Mrs. Eug. Rau.
3. Whatsoever Circle, 1889, Mrs. J. T. Hamilton.
4. Lend a Hand Circle, 1889, Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz.
5. Countess Zinzendorf Circle, 1890, Mrs. Maria Shields.
6. Countess Benigna Circle, 1892, Miss Marie Hesse.
7. Thoughtful Circle, 1897, Miss Marie Hesse.
8. Faithful Workers Circle, 1901, Miss Marie Hesse.
9. Opportunity Circle, 1894, Mrs. Anna Bailey.
10. Bethany Circle, 1894, Mrs. Hannah Roest.
11. Loyal Circle, 1894, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
12. Anna Nitschmann Circle, 1894, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
13. Clover Leaf Circle, 1894, Miss Eliza Luckenbach.
14. Steadfast Circle, 1895, Mrs. Geo. J. Crist.
15. Pansy Circle, 1896, Mrs. Geo. J. Crist.
16. Forget-me-not Circle, 1897, Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
17. Golden Rule Circle, 1898, Mrs. J. Reinke.
18. Mizpah Circle, 1898, Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
19. Dorcas Circle, 1899, Mrs. Edmund A. Oerter.
20. Heartsease Circle, 1902, Mrs. A. L. Renshaw.
21. Ever Willing Circle, 1902, Mrs. F. W. Stengel.
22. His Own Circle, 1902, Mrs. George J. Crist.
23. Cup of Loving Service Circle, 1892, King's Sons, Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
24. Ever Ready Circle 1898, King's Sons, Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
25. In His Name Circle, 1902, King's Sons, Mrs. Geo. J. Crist.

D.—THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The six Societies in the congregation have continued their faithful service during the year, and while no very large accessions to membership have been reported, the steady work done for "Christ and the Church" week by week deserves considerable appreciation.

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The Junior Societies will hereafter all be in charge of the pastors' wives, and as naturally the membership of the older Societies will be increased from the ranks of the children here enrolled, their work becomes of the greatest importance.

The Central Young People's unfortunately found it necessary to disband in the Spring, but in the course of a few weeks it was re-organized, and now continues its informal and quiet work.

1.— *West Bethlehem Young People's.*

Organized June 15, 1888.

Membership, 23 active, 24 honorary.

The past year has been one of encouragement for this Society. Numerically there has been little progress, but the very fact that the membership has remained practically the same as it was at the close of last year is encouraging, when it is borne in mind that quite a number left the Society last June, as graduates from the Theological Seminary.

Special efforts have been put forth in behalf of Missions. Several missionary meetings were held, at one of which Bro. Paul de Schweinitz explained how our Missions are managed.
A plan was adopted according to which each member pledges to give a specified amount for Missions each week.

A "reunion meeting" was held in April. A number of former members were able to be present, and several encouraging letters were sent by others.

Special efforts have been put forth to increase the membership, and thereby to enlarge the usefulness of the organization. Personal invitations were extended, which we trust may yet bear fruit. Especially is it to be desired that more of the young men of West Bethlehem might avail themselves of this channel of spiritual blessing and usefulness.

The Treasurer's report shows that of $14.66 contributed to the General Fund, $6.35 was used for miscellaneous expenses. From the Mission Fund $16.52 was given to the various Mission causes.

The officers at present are: William Smyth, *President;* Miss

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Mary Styers, *Vice President;* Miss Hazel Bloss, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Harriet Miksch, *Corresponding Secretary;* Gerhard Brennecke, *Treasurer.*

2.—*The West Bethlehem Junior.*

Organized April 9, 1892, disbanded October 1898, re-organized February 21, 1906.

This Society has a membership of 61. During the early Fall special efforts were made to interest both the parents and the children in this part of our West Bethlehem work, and the results have been most gratifying. The membership has been more than doubled, and the attendance is very good.

The meetings are held on Saturday afternoons at 3 o'clock. The change in time was made because it was thought that the children would be likely to enjoy the meetings and be benefitted more at that hour than if they were held at the close of the school-day.

The Society is in charge of Mrs. F. W. Stengel, assisted by Miss Hattie Miksch and Miss Mary Styers.

The officers are: Annie Reiner, *President*; Mabel Jacobi, *Vice President;* Bessie Schrader, *Secretary*; Logan Wambold, *Treasurer.*

Since October $4.15 has been collected.

3.—*The Central Young People's.*

Organized January 30, 1889.

Membership, 3 male, 6 female.

When the year began the meetings of this little band were held on Sunday evenings in the Old Chapel. However, on the evening of Palm Sunday it was thought the wisest by the members to disband. The interruption of the work was not, fortunately, of long duration, for on April 29th the Society was re-organized on a different basis. Most of the members were now members of the recently confirmed class of catechumens. For a while the weekly meetings were held in private, but in the Fall were opened again to all, when greater courage in participation had

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been attained. These are now held each Friday evening in the west room of the Sunday School Building. They are characterized by a delightful spirit of informality, the subject being discussed quite freely by those present. The attendance is not yet what it might be, but to those who do come the meetings afford much spiritual profit.

The Missionary Committee has been preparing a map of all the Moravian Missions in the world. A system of missionary correspondence has also been adopted.

The present officers are :—Arthur Campbell, *President;* Miss Marian Beckel, *Secretary;* Miss Harriet A. Stem, *Treasurer;* Miss Iva Krause, *Corresponding Secretary.*

4.—*Central Junior.*

Organized April 7, 1892.

Membership, 5 boys and 15 girls.

The meetings are regularly held each Tuesday afternoon, at 4.15 o'clock, in the Old Chapel. The re-organization of the Central Young People's Society took most of the older Juniors from this Society, so that the membership is now confined to the much younger children.

However, the thorough explanation of the meaning of the Pledge, to which the signature of each active member is required, has been of great profit in deepening the spirit of the Society. Two members died during the year.

The expenditures were $12.54, of which $3 went to the Leh Hospital, and $5.50 to the Fifth Church Building Fund, in Philadelphia.

The officers of the Society have been: Miss Elizabeth Lynn, *Superintendent;* Mr. R. Williams, and Mr. Edwin Heath, *Assistant Superintendents;* Henry Smyth, *President;* Pauline Borhek, *Vice-President;* Bessie Smith, *Treasurer;* Charles Rauch, *Secretary.*

(At the end of the year Miss Lynn has found it necessary to relinquish the leadership of this work, so her place will be filled by Mrs A. D. Thaeler.)

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5.—*The Laurel Street Young People's.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

Membership, 28 active, 4 associate, 8 honorary. The general condition of this society is very encouraging. During the year, the regular meetings were well attended and special effort was made to interest Sunday School scholars. A new committee was added, called the flower and visiting, whose business it is to supply the pulpit at the Sunday services with flowers, which are distributed after the services to any who are ill in the church or in the community. Visits are made by this same committee to the sick.

The missionary committee had a series of special meetings, which were well attended by non-members as well as members, and donations to the amount of $15.00, were made to various mission causes.

The officers during the first part of the year were: Mr. Julius Geisenderfer, *President;* Miss Ella Fries, *Vice President;* Miss Elizabeth Beidelman, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Ellen Ritter, *Corresponding Secretary;* Miss Lottie Young, *Treasurer.*

Those during the latter part were: Mr. Charles Albrecht, *President;* Miss Mary Kremser, *Vice-President;* Miss Ella Fries, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Ellen Ritter, *Corresponding Secretary;* Miss Lottie Young, *Treasurer.*

The treasurer's report shows a disbursment from the general fund of $14.15.

This society entertained both the Coopersburg and Nazareth Moravian societies of Christian Endeavor, at special meetings, and also visited the Coopersburg Moravian society of C. E. at one of their regular meetings.

6.—*The Laurel Street Junior.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

The membership of this society numbers 32 girls, 14 boys, 6 trial members and, including officers, an entire enrollment of 57. The reports show very gratifying evidence of the good condition

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of the society. The meetings were all well attended, and the part taken by each child showed deep interest in the work.

The society, by invitation, visited the Junior society of the Moravian Church at Emaus, instilling into the minds of the young the idea of fellowship.

At a meeting in April, the Juniors met with the Senior society, and took part in the same.

As a Thanksgiving offering, the children brought toys, which were distributed among the poor. The girls during the year did some needle work, which was sold and the proceeds placed in the general treasury. During the year they denoted to Missions and other charitable causes $19.86.

The officers of the society are: Ward Cruickshank, *President;* Helen Nonnemacher, *Secretary;* Kenneth Hamilton, *Treasurer;* Margaret Matz, *Counter;* Arthur Hamilton, *Corresponding Secretary;* Organist Miss Anna C. Hirst.

Those having oversight of the work are: Mrs George J. Crist, Superintendent; the Misses A. C. Hirst, Estella S. Jones, Jennie Herbst, Mr. Charles Albrecht, Assistants.

E.—THE YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE.

This is a new report to be added to the list of those called for annually from the various organizations of the congregation, and yet to a certain extent it is not, for the Young Men's League is the reorganized David Nitschman Union, which had during the preceding two years done effective work in bringing together the young men of the Church in an effort to secure headquarters for their various interests. This latter organization, by its Constitution, went out of existence on April 1st, 1902. A meeting was held on March 16th., for the purpose of reorganizing on a permanent basis. A new Constitution was adopted, and plans for securing a temporary home were set on foot. A conveniently located house, No. 57, Church St., was rented, and was formally opened to the members on May 29th., the furnishings to a large extent being donated by members of the congregation.

Three amendments were made to the Constitution during the

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year. The first changed the name to the "Young Men's League of the Bethlehem Moravian Congregation". The second raised the minimum age limit of membership from 13 years to 16 years. And the third restricted office-holding to communicant members of the Moravian Church in good standing.

The League has branched out into various lines of activity, as it should. Prominent among these are a Literary Department, Photographic Department, Athletic Department, and Glee Club, all of which are doing good work among the young men. The future of the League, thus ministering to the several needs and tastes of the young manhood of the Church, is very bright, and it needs but a continuation and increase of the interest of those for whose benefit this work has been begun to assure its complete success.

The membership now numbers 80.

The receipts of the House Fund up to November 30th, $253.21. Disbursements, $227.71.

A considerable amount is also held in the Building Fund, with a view eventually to secure a permanent house, built according to the special needs of the League.

The Officers for the present year are: Charles H. Traeger, *President;* T. Edgar Shields, *Vice President;* John L. Bishop, *Secretary;* Clarence E. Beckel, *Treasurer;* Additional members of the Executive Committee, James Schmid and J. M. Leibert, Jr.

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V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

.—*The Moravian College and Theological Seminary.*

ounded October 2, 1807 at Nazareth; Removed to Bethlehem May 10, 1838; reopened at Nazareth August 5, 1851; transferred the second time and permanently to Bethlehem August 30, 1858; legally incorporated April 8, 1868.

Under God's blessing, this Institution has been enabled through another year to continue its work of training the candidates for the ministry in the American Province of the Moravian Church Since 1881, for a period of 21 years, our College and Theological Seminary has annually undertaken to provide free tuition and board for young men who are willing to devote themselves to the service of Christ in our Church, and thus to maintain our own ministry for the work entrusted to our care. Last June a class of twelve was graduated, nearly all of whom where at once called into the service, becanse the Church needed them. The Church looks to our Seminary for ministers and missionaries, properly prepared and spiritually, as well as intellectually and practically, fitted to take charge of work. But the supply of students suitable for the ministry and of funds to meet the necessary expenses is scant. Only by special efforts and the most careful management is it possible to teach the four classes which we now have with such a limited teaching force and not to exceed our income. With thankful appreciation of the interest manifested and the aid given to the Seminary by a number of faithful friends and societies, especially here in Bethlehem, we look for a more general realization, on the part of our Moravian Congregations, of the important and indispensable work which our College and Seminary has been doing these many years, and of the necessity of coming to its aid more liberally, by increasing the endowment fund, and supporting its causes generally.

It may not be out of place here to remind the members of the Bethlehem Congregation that this Institution is not only a

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Theological Seminary, but also a College which offers a four year's classical and scientific course for young men who wish to prepare for professional or business pursuits.

The Board of Trustees consists of the three Brethren of the Provincial Elders' Conference and the College President as Ex-Officio members, together with five ministers and seven laymen elected by Synod. In place of our departed Bro. Robert de Schweintz, Bro. A. D. Thaeler was elected a member of the Board of Trustees, and in place of Dr. J. M. Hark who resigned as President of that Board, Bishop C. L. Moench was chosen to be his successor. A change in the Faculty was caused by Prof. W. F. Bade's accepting a call to the Pacific Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Cal. His place was filled by Prof. Albert Haupert of Watertown, Wis. Accordingly the following four brethren at present constitute the Faculty:

Rev. A. Schultze, D. D., L. H. D., *President*, 1885; Rev. J. T. Hamilton, D. D., *Resident Professor*, 1886; Rev. H. A. Jacobson, M. A., 1885; Rev. A. Haupert, 1902.

The number of students in attendance on Dec. 1, 1902 is 31; 26 of these are stuyding for the ministry. In addition to this number there are 3 non-resident students of Theology, and 3 post-graduates who pursue a course of study leading to the degree of M. A.

The most prominent dates in the College Calendar were: Apri 8, the John Beck Oratorical Contest; June 5, the Commencement Day, on which occasion Assistant Attorney General James Beck, a graduate of our College and a member of the Board of Trustees, received the degree of LL. D.; Sept. 25, Reopening after the summer vacation.

2.—*The Society of the United Brethren for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.*

Founded August 19, 1745; organized November 28, 1745, as "The Society for the Furtherance of the Gospel;" resuscitated and organized November 1, 1787, and incorporated February 27, 1788, under the present title.

The One Hundred and Twenty Ninth General Meeting of the Society was held on the evening of Thursday, August 31, in the

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Old Chapel. After the communication of the annual reports, the President stated that seven members had departed this life during the year. The difficulties attending the work in Alaska had necessitated more frequent and protracted meetings of the Board of Directors than formerly.

The Rev. John Hinz and wife, formerly of Greenland, after spending the winter of 1901 to 1902 at the Theological Seminary, sailed for Alaska from San Francisco on May 5th, and, touching at Nushagak, arrived at Bethel on the Kuskokwim, June 21st.

The Board reported the following gratifying fact, that notwithstanding all the difficulties encountered in connection with transportation, etc., the expenses of the Mission in Alaska were very materially less than in the preceding year, viz. $10,880.95 as compared with $14,156.76. The Board was therefore happily in a position to make a larger appropriation to the general missionary treasury of the Church, viz. $3,500.

The total receipts of the Society for the year amounted to $17,240.41, and the disbursements to $16,880.95. From the dues of members $216.60 was received. The Bethlehem contributions for the support of the work in Alaska amounted to $843.61.

The Anniversary of the Society took place on Sunday, August 24th. Interesting letters were read from the mission in California, and two addresses were made ; one by Bro. William Allen, of St. Croix, West Indies, and the other by Bro. Albert Haupert, lately of Watertown, Wisconsin.

The total membership is 338, of which 127 is ex-officio.

The following are the officers :—Bishop E. A. Oerter, *President;* Rev. J. T. Hamilton, *Vice President and Secretary;* Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, *Treasurer*. These, with the following, constitute the Board of Directors:—J. Samuel Krause, Joseph H. Traeger, E. A. Rau, G. W. Riegel, and Theodore Kampmann, the last named having been elected at the last general meeting.

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3.—*The Widows' Society of Bethlehem.*

Organized September 14, 1770.

As can be seen from the caption, this organization is one of the oldest beneficial Societies in America, antedating the War of the Revolution by five years. This fact speaks well for the financial stability of the Society, and the care with which its funds have been administered. Any married man in connection with the Moravian Church here or elsewhere, or having a wife so connected, may become a member for life upon payment of $50, provided that the state of his health and other conditions render him eligible under the rules. Though there is but this one payment, each widow of a member of the Society secures her equal share with others of the income of the organization annually distributed to its beneficiaries.

The present report covers only the one payment made on July 1st, when $1328.00 was divided between 83 widows, each receiving $16, for the half year. The entire amount paid out in annuities up to the present time is $174,408.47.

The Officers of the Society are:—Simon Rau, *President*, 1892; Augustus H. Leibert, *Secretary*, 1886; Emil J. Bishop, *Treasurer*, 1895.

Joseph A. Rice, 1885; J. Samuel Krause, 1883; Levin F. Leibfried, 1892; Herman A. Doster, 1895; Henry T. Clauder, 1898; Augustus H. Bishop, 1886; *Directors.*

Orlando B. Desh, Albert G. Rau, Harry J. Meyers, *Auditors.*

4.—*The Moravian Aid Society.*

Organized August 19, 1875.

This Society is not, any more than the Widows' Society, an institution of the Congregation, nor financially connected with it, but being Moravian in scope, and having its headquarters in Bethlehem, the following facts are given as a matter of information.

Any member of the Moravian Church, eligible in point of health and otherwise under the rules of the Society, may become

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a member of it upon payment of an entrance fee of $6.00 with an increasing amount for each year of age beyond forty and up to fifty, which is the limit. An assessment of $1.00 is also levied upon each member in every case of death, except when a benefit is paid out of the accumulated interest of the invested funds, now amounting to $10,000, and an amount in dollars equal to the number of members in good standing is paid to the beneficiaries, provided the sum does not exceed $500. From its organization in August, 1875, to November 30, 1902, the sum of $128,017.00 was paid to 263 beneficiaries.

The Officers are:—Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, *President*, 1900; Cornelius W. Krause, *Vice President*, 1879; Charles H. Wenhold, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, 1899.

Directors:—Joseph M. Leibert, 1875; Joseph A. Rice, 1877; David Ross, 1886; James T. Lineback, 1886, Herman A. Doster, 1887, Franklin H. Brunner, 1889; Robert N. Wolle, 1893; Harrison C. Desh, 1894; H. H. Tschudy, 1895; Frank Kunkel, 1896; Edward H. Hamman, 1898; Theodore Kampmann, 1900.

Trustees:—Joseph H. Traeger, 1875; C. O. Brunner, 1875; Levin F. Leibfried, 1887.

VI.—GENERAL MEMORANDA.

Here and there are brief notes of services rendered, which cannot well be recorded in other Sections, as well as items of personal mention which would be out of place in the condensed statements of each part of the congregation's work. And yet, both as a matter of record and of appreciation, they deserve a place in the Report of the congregation as a whole.

The following notes are, therefore, culled from the statements of the Committees, Societies, etc. The Corps of Sacristans for the Central Church held two meetings during the year. In March Brother William V. Knauss, who had served since 1874, resigned his position, and Brother Cornelius J. Gapp was apointed to succeed him.

Besides the regular services in the Chapel, the West Bethlehem Choir has attended ten funerals to assist in the singing. One

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member resigned, another was called into the larger service of the Church, as a Home Missionary, another was called to his eternal home. This last named was Brother Alvin Buss, who had served as a singer since the organization of the Choir, in 1888. Five new members have been added, and the time of rehearsal has been changed from Friday to Sunday evening, after the service.

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VII.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1. Total Money Disbursed during the year 1901 by the Congregation for its own use and for objects apart from Congregation work.

Appropriated to the use of the Congregation in all ways	$30,764 09
Contributed to all objects apart from Congregation work	6,530 87
Total	$37,294 96

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate:"		
From Interest	$14,759 88	
" Land Rents	916 35	
" House Rents	1,868 79—	$17,545 02
Contributions of Members		3,702 40
Total Receipts		$21,247 42
Excess of Disbursements		459 91
		$21,707 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 814 90	
Repairs to Productive Property	549 41	
General Expenses	1,245 65—	$2,609 96
Donations		555 00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$5,167 53	
Repairs and Furniture	2,256 43—	$7,423 96
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Synodal Expenses	282 80	
Provincial Revenue	900 00	
Archive Expenses	82 80	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard	185 63	
Repairs to Church Buildings	874 16	
Repairs to Parsonages	390 76	
Appropriation to Sunday Schools	675 00	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	7,727 26—	$11,118 41
		$21,707 33

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Now follows the statement of the sums that have come from the free-will contributions of the membership itself. Three points are to be carefully noted, in explanation of the apparent decrease from last year's showing. In the first place this Report covers only eleven months. In the second place, the figures given are taken only from the reports actually sent in to the Board of Elders by the various organizations at work in the congregation, and from the report of the regular collections in Church and Chapels. In former years the columns of acknowledgment in "The Moravian" have been scanned and the contributions to every object from Bethlehem Moravians credited to the beneficence of the congregation. This item is now, however, omitted, for the reason that such giving is purely private beneficence, and has not passed through congregational channels at all. When it is remembered that last year these gifts amounted to between three and four thousand dollars, it begins to be evident that the decrease is only due to the method of tabulation employed.

Another large decrease is in the sum needed for Congregation Purposes. Last year, and the year before, every nerve was being strained to raise the $20,000 necessary for the erection of the Sunday School Building, which was opened for use in April. While there is still a balance on the wrong side on the books of the collection-committee, which should be wiped out as soon as possible, it is but natural that after such protracted effort there should be a falling off in the contributions directly made to this cause, amounting, in fact, to about six thousand dollars.

If the church and chapel collections be compared with last year's figures, and the special gifts called for by the Sunday School Building be considered extraordinary, as they should be, we would find that there is no reason to be ashamed of the state ment herewith presented.

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3. Contributions of the Congregation for the eleven months ending November 30, 1902, exclusive of all Grants from Congregation Funds.

Congregation Purposes	$12,418 92
Expenses of Synods	282 80
Provincial Revenue	900 00
Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers	267 42
Theological Seminary	561 00
Home Missions	2,065 03
Foreign Missions	2,087 08
Bohemian Mission	277 90
Sundry special objects	23 25
	$18,888 49
Christian objects outside of the Moravian Church	61 30
Total	$18,949 79

4. Contributions of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work during the eleven months ending November 30th, 1902.

Appropriated by the Trustees from Congregation Funds	$555 00
Derived by Missionary Societies from Invested Legacies	83 22
Contributed by Individuals through various congregational channels	5,892 65
Total	$6,530 87

5. Total Money Disbursed during the eleven months ending November 30, 1902, in all the operations of the Congregation, exclusive of Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts, which are kept separate.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the Congregation	$18,004 93
Amount Appropriated from Income of the Almoners	340 24
Income of Invested Legacies of the Missionary Societies	83 22
Contributed by Individuals through various congregational channels	18,866 57
Total from Income and Contributions	$37,294 96

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VIII.—THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1902.

Church Members.	Totals, December 31, 1901.	Increase during 1902.						Decrease during 1902.				Totals, November 30, 1902.
		Adults Baptised.	Confirmed.		Received.		Readmitted.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
			Moravian.	Non-Moran'n.	Moravian.	Non-Moran'n.						
A—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	592	7	40	9	10	13	18	20	—	13	26	602
Females	822											850
												—1452
B—Non-Communicants Over 13 Years, viz.;		Transferred from Children.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Boys under 13 years	88	16			2				21		—	85
Girls under 13 years	81	16			0				19	1	13	64
												— 149
C—Children, viz.:		Baptised.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Non Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	188	13			4			—	16	5	7	177
Females	207	9			5			3	16	1	5	196
								—	—	—	—	— 373
Grand Totals	1978											1974

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		*Non-Resident.*		*Souls.*		
	Males.	*Females.*	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non-Resident.*	*Total.*
Married Couples	295	295	25	25	590	50	640
Married Men	37		20		37	20	57
Married Women		81		33	81	33	114
Widowers	32		1		32	1	33
Widows		125		17	125	17	142
Single Men	159		28		159	28	187
Single Women		244		18	244	18	262
Older Boys	3		2		3	2	5
Older Girls		11		1	11	1	12
Total Communicants	526	757	76	94	1290	170	1452

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	526	756	1282
Non-Resident Communicants	76	94	170
Total Communicants	602	850	1452

NON-COMMUNICANTS.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Single Men	29		29
Single Women		13	13
Older Boys	56		56
Older Girls		51	51
Total Non-Communicants	85	64	149

CHILDREN.

	Males.	*Females*	*Total.*
Resident	143	170	313
Non-Resident	34	26	60
Total Children	177	196	373

GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

	Males	*Females*	*Total.*
Resident	754	990	1744
Non-Resident	110	120	230
	864	1110	1974

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total*
Married People	377	434	811
Widowers	33	.....	33
Widows	.....	142	142
Single Men	216	.....	216
Single Women	.....	275	275
Older Boys	61	.....	61
Older Girls	.....	63	63
Children	177	196	373
Grand Total Membership	864	1110	1974

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IX.—A REGISTER

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, NOVEMBER 30, 1902.

(Handbook, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Joseph A. Rice, President, 1899.
Edward J. Krause, Secretary, 1890.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. Wm. Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
Simon Rau, 1866.
Charles H. Eggert, 1878.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
James T. Borbek, 1901.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1880.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Edward J. Krause, 1889.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
9 persons.

The School Board.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. Wm. Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
Richard W. Leibert, 1858-'60, '82.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Simon Rau, 1857.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Cornelius W. Krause, 1889.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Charles W. Clewell, 1894.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1895,
3 persons

Persons engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

Albert G. Rau, Superintendent, 1896.
Frank I. Klinker,
Assistant Superintendent, 1899.
T. Edgar Shields,
Musical Director, 1901.
Rev. Augustus Schultze, D. D.,
Supt. Normal Dept., 1892.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz,
Supt. Bible Class, 1880-'84, 1898.
Mrs. Jonathan Reinke,
Supt. Junior Dept., 1900.
Miss Emily Knauss,
Assistant, 1896-'98, 1900.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer,
Supt. Intermediate Dept, 1894.
Miss Laura Schwab,
Assistant, 1899.
Mrs. M. H. Shields.
Supt. Primary Department, 1899.
Miss Elizabeth Lynn, Assistant, 1899.
Miss Florence Shields, " 1900.
Miss Isabel Turner, " 1902.
Miss Antoinette Prince, " 1902.
Mrs. A. L. Renshaw,
Supt. Home Dept., 1902.
Emil J. Bishop,
Secretary Home Dept., 1885.
Charles H. Eggert, Secretary, 1874.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Chas. W. Clewell,
Assistant Secretary, 1889.
Coras F. Clewell, " 1890.
William F. Schultze, " 1901.
Earl Wenhold, Librarian, 1902.
Bertine Reinke,
Assistant Librarian, 1902.

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Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

James R. Schmid, 1896.
Herbert T. Rights, 1899.
Edwin J. Heath, 1901.
Charles H. Traeger, 1901.
Jacob E. Miller, 1902.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1894-'97, 1900.
Robert Goerlich, 1902.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1898.
Miss Eliza R. Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. A. M. Lennox, 1900.
Miss Emily J. Pfeifer, 1890.
Miss Annie Milchsack, 1897.
Miss Lila B. Wenhold, 1897.
Mrs. Rebecca Canam, 1901.
Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Miss Mary Krause, 1899.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Mr. Calender Smyth, 1899.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Caroline Herbst, 1900.
Mrs. Elmer Ruth, 1902.
Miss Dora Millar, 1902.
Miss Clara Fruesauff, 1878.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Henrietta Detwiller, 1895.
Miss Emily Meyers, 1889.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.

51 persons.

Officers, West Bethlehem Sunday School.

Rev. Albert Haupert,
Superintendent, 1902.
William Smyth.
Assistant Superintendent, 1902,
Frederick H. Wilhelm,
Secretary, 1901.
Clayton C. Teter, Treasurer, 1902.
Frank A. Schrader, Librarian, 1901.
Oliver M. Barres, 1898,
Arthur A. Davis, 1899,
Raymond H. Wilhelm, 1901,
Assistant Secretaries.
Miss Gertrude Brunner, 1901,
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1901.
Organists.

Teachers, West Bethlehem Sunday School.

Miss Hannah Gapp, 1896.
" Jessie Skinner, 1896.
" Lila Wenhold, 1895.
" Cora Doster, 1896.
" Elizabeth Cortelyou, 1892.
" Carrie Beiling, 1891.
Miss Alice Krause, 1896.
" Dora Haus, 1882.
" Hazel Bloss, 1902.
" Maggie Sharpe, 1902.
" Modesta Doster, 1902.
" Mary Steyers. 1899.
" Lizzie Bush, 1898.
" Estella Bloss, 1900.
" Irene Bodder, 1896.
" Harriet Goerlich, 1902.
" Kate Walton, 1896.
Mrs. Edward Beitel, 1896.
" Mrs. Oscar Rauch, 1902.
" Morris Kindig, 1900.
" Harry Stoffiet. 1902,
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1886.
Edgar Holton. 1902.
Richard Meinert, 1898.
Clayton C. Teter, 1901.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1898.
Herbert Johnston, 1901.
Gerhard Brennecke, 1900.
Charles Albrecht, 1902.
Clyde Meixell, 1902.
Reinhold Yaeck, 1901.
Walter Gapp, 1900.
G. Harry Miksch, 1900.

43 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

C. Henry Wenhold,
Superintendent, 1902.
Herbert Cruickshank,
Secretary, 1902.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Lawrence Heine, Librarian, 1896.
Miss Charlotte C. Heine,
Supt. of Primary Department, 1887.
Mrs. Augustus Keenest,
Ass't. Supt. Primary Dept, 1889.
Harry Kern, Organist, 1901.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Ella R. Luckenbach, 1890.
William H. Hirst, 1894.
Miss Lillian M. H. Hoffman, 1896.
" Ella Leibert, 1897.
" Ella Fries, 1898.
" Elizabeth Beidelman, 1898.
" Jennie L. Herbst, 1899.
" Ellen L. Ritter, 1899.
" Mabel Smawley, 1901.
" Emily J. Pfeiffer, 1899.
" Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Mrs. William Holderman, 1900.
Miss Mary Kremser, 1902.
" Lilly Keenest, 1902.

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Arthur Schultz, 1902.
W. Vivian Moses, 1902.
Arthur Francke, 1902.
Robert Shafer, 1902.
George Runner, 1902.
Raymond Sheets, 1902.
Edward A. Eberman, 1900.

29 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Albert G. Rau, 1888, Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888.
Robert E. Laramy, 1896.
Edward M. Fogel, 1897.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-91, 1895.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Bertha M. Hark, 1899.
Miss Clara A. Frueauff, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.

12 persons.

Persons engaged in Musical Service.

Organists.

J. Frederick Wolle, 1885, Church.
T. Edgar Shields, asst., Church, 1901.
Central Sunday School, 1902.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900,
Day School, 1901.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach,
West Bethlehem Chapel, 1892.
Harry E. Kern,
Laurel Street Chapel and
Sunday School, 1901.
Miss Gertrude Brunner,
West Beth. Sunday School, 1898.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
West Beth. Primary Dept., 1900.
Mrs. Augustus Keenest,
Laurel Street Primary Dept., 1889.

8 persons.

Trombonists.

Ambrose H. Rauch, 1845.
Robert Rau, 1866.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Charles H. Neisser, 1884.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. George Lehman, 1899.
Frank J. Myers, 1899.
Walter C. Horn, 1900.
George Sigley, 1902.

11 persons.

Orchestra.

Church.

Ambrose H. Rauch, 1845.
Robert Rau, 1866.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
George F. Pettinos, 1887.
A. W. Weingärtner, 1894.
Robert Olpp, 1902.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1895.
J. M. Diefenderfer, 1902.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Arthur Grosch, 1899.
Miss Callie Myers, 1899.
J. George Lehman, 1900.
Alfred Diefenderfer, 1902.
Frank P. Miller, 1902.

15 persons.

Singers, Church.

Sopranos.

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Caroline Wunderling, 1893.
Miss Lucy Brickenstein, 1894.
Mrs. Howard Wiegner, 1895.
Miss Lena Bailey, 1896.
Miss Florence Shields, 1896.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Mrs. Thomas Groman, 1902.
Miss Annie Becker, 1902.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1902.

Altos.

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Miss Agnes Schultze, 1900.
Miss Melinda Prince, 1900.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901/
Miss Hortensia Krause, 1901.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Miss Evelyn Chandler, 1902.
Miss Florence Prince, 1902.
Miss Pauline Milchsach, 1902
Miss Mabel Brunner, 1902.

Tenors.

Robert Rau, 1861.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1888.
Charles H. Traeger, 1898.

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Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1899.
Clarence Beckel, 1901.
Arthur Davis, 1901.
George Bergstresser, 1901.
Otto Hoch, 1902.
Wm. Zimmerman, 1902.
J. M. Diefenderfer, 1902.
Russel V. Eberman, 1902.

Basses.

J. Samuel Wolle, 1876.
Emil F. Goth, 1894.
John H. Traeger, 1900.
Bertine Reinke, 1901.
E. L. Garrahan, 1901.
Howard Wiegner, 1899.
Clinton Zerwick, 1902.
R. R. Hillmann, 1902.

44 persons.

Singers, West Bethlehem Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Caroline E. Belling, 1891.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1897.
Miss Mary Styers, 1900.

Altos.

Mrs. Edmund L. Oerter, 1892.
Miss Margaret Thomas, 1902.

Tenors.

Charles H. Rominger, 1902.
Richard Meinert, 1900.

Basses.

Edmund L. Oerter, 1896.
Joseph E. Smith, 1902.
Arthur Shultz, 1902.
Paul Janke, 1902.

11 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Sarah C. Herbst, 1898.
Miss Annie C. Hirst, 1900.

Alto.

Miss Jennie L. Herbst, 1897.

Tenors.

Edward Metzgar, 1901.
Frederick Kemkes, 1902.

Basses.

Clarence Metzger, 1902.
George Runner, 1902.

7 persons.

Persons in attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Eggert, Head Sacristan, 1892.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1868.
Joseph A. Rice, 1886, Secretary, 1888.
Cornelius W. Krause, 1868.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Theodore Kampman, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
Cornelius J. Gapp, 1902.
Mrs. Caroline Glering, 1884.
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Emma Groman, 1883.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1898.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1898.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, 1896.
Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Andreas Maurer, Lovefeast Helper, 1896.
Mrs. Anna Maria Krause, Assistant.

26 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
Michael Achenbach, 1894.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Otto Hesse, 1897.
Julius Nauman, 1897.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.

8 persons.

Committee, West Bethlehem Chapel.

William Dorn, Chairman, 1896.
Jacob J. Miksch, Secretary, 1891.
Thomas Frederick, Treasurer, 1891.
Morris G. Clewell, 1891.
Francis E. Miller, 1891.
George Breder, 1901.

6 persons.

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Committee, Laurel Street Chapel.

Alexander W. L. Cruickshank, 1889.
Chairman.
James T. Borhek, Secretary, 1891.
Morris A. Borhek, Treasurer, 1898.
Herbert Herbst, 1889.
Henry J. Yingling, 1889.
Joshua Hunter, 1889.
6 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Fred. J. Rice, Chairman, 1886.
Eugene A. Rau, Secretary, 1886.
Emil J. Bishop, Treasurer, 1900.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886,
Franklin H. Brunner, 1886,
G. William Riegel, 1890,
Archibald Johnston, 1891,
Franklin S. Schwab, Jr., 1891,
Arthur C. Krause, 1892,
G. Frederic Krause, 1894,
Robert E. deSchweinitz, 1895,
Albert Brodhead, 1896.
George J. Grider, 1896.
G. William Eberman, 1896,
Howard Riegel, 1896.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, Jr., 1897,
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Clinton A. Lear, 1900.
Robert M. Luckenbach, 1900.
21 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel.

Abraham Benner, 1886.
Franz Gerstner, 1886.
Michael Achenbach, 1886.
Anton Hesse, 1900.
4 persons.

Collectors, West Bethlehem Chapel.

William Dorn, 1896.
Jacob J. Miksch, 1891.
Thomas Frederick, 1891.
Morris G. Clewell, 1891.
Francis E. Miller, 1891.
George Breder, 1901.
6 persons.

Collectors, Laurel Street Chapel.

Herbert Herbst, 1887.
1 person.

Janitors.

Andreas Maurer, 1896.
Church and Parochial School.
Harry C. Bealer, Old Chapel 1894.
Thomas Frederick, 1888
West Bethlehem Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887.
Laurel Street Chapel.
Edward Steinbach, 1902.
Central S. S. Chapel.
5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries.

Lorenzo Daily, 1882.
David Groman, Assistant, 1878.
2 persons.

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X.—THE NECROLOGY.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Gertrude Pauline Betge	November 17, 1894;	January 6, 1902.
Daniel James Boehm Balliet	August 26, 1857;	January 9, "
Anna Louisa (Stauffer) Turner	July 21, 1879;	January 28, "
Maria (Weber) Transue	May 12, 1813;	February 26, "
Simeon Comenius Chitty	December 21, 1831;	March 29, "
John B. Brink	July 29, 1846;	April 23, "
Mary Ann (Herzog) Gerstner	March 27, 1827;	April 28, "
Lucy Ann (Luckenbach) Jacoby	July 30, 1820;	May 2, "
Clarissa Marietta (Kern) Bishop	July 10, 1821;	June 6, "
Caroline (Schindler) Goth	February 4, 1831;	June 10, "
Sarah Sybilla (Brunner) Snyder	August 8, 1838;	June 25, "
Euphemia Rieksecker	January 21, 1827;	July 3, "
Anna Eveline Schwartze	May 20, 1891;	July 16, "
Kate E. Osterstock	July 5, 1882;	July 24, "
Venilia Hortensia (Weber) Krause	October 6, 1833;	August 4, "
Francis Leinbach Wolle	April 5, 1848;	August 10, "
Harold Earle Eastman	June 9, 1901;	September 6, "
Emma Susanna (Lehr) Achenbach	March 28, 1843;	September 8, "
Henry H. Dash	December 30, 1834;	October 1, "
Francis Sylvester Belling	August 15, 1821;	October 15, "
Alvin Franklin Buss	April 25, 1872;	November 8, "
Anna Paulina (Clewell) Sterner	September 22, 1825;	November 10, "
Henrietta Toon (Rauch) Siegmund	July 13, 1819;	November 16, "

Of these 23 persons connected with the congregation who departed this life during the eleven months, January to November, inclusive, 20 were communicant members and 3 children. The pastors also officiated at the funerals of other persons, making the total number of funerals 28.

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XI.—MEMORABILIA.

JANUARY 1.—The new year was ushered in with bright, cold weather. The morning services in Church and Old Chapel were well attended.

JANUARY 2.—The first meeting of the class for catechetical instruction was held this evening, in the North East Room of the Church.

JANUARY 5.—This evening's service marked the opening of the Week of Prayer. The subjects for prayer recommended by the Evangelical Alliance, together with those that had particular reference to local Church needs, were taken up from evening to evening. In addition to the usual services in the Church, there were several special circles of prayer formed in the Vestry, after the evening services, at which personal requests for prayer were remembered.

JANUARY 8.—The Sunday School teachers met this evening, to consider the advisability of re-organizing the Teacher's' Meeting and plans were made for such a weekly meeting, after each Midweek Service.

JANUARY 12.—The attendance at the services of this First Sunday after Epiphany was exceptionally good. Lovefeast and the Communion both in German and in English were held, there being 446 communicants.

JANUARY 19.—This Sunday being the Anniversary of the Young Men's Missionary Society, their invited speaker, the Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., preached in the morning service in the church, and in the evening delivered the address, the church being crowded. The members of the Society attended in a body, and occupied the front seats. Printed announcement leaflets were today used for the first time, the object being to do away with all oral announcement in the services, and to lay the notices more permanently before the attention of the people.

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JANUARY 24.—A public meeting was held in the Old Chapel, called by the Women's Auxiliary of the Indian Association, to hear Mrs. Quinton, President of the National Association.

JANUARY 31.—All the local Moravian C. E. Societies united in the West Bethlehem Chapel, in a service commemorative of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the first Christian Endeavor Society. Brother Thaeler made the address. A heavy snow storm has continued almost steadily since Wednesday morning, the 29th.

FEBRUARY 2.—At 3 P. M. a business meeting of the David Nitschman Union was held in the Old Chapel, at which the permanent reorganization of the Union was discussed, as well as the possibility of its soon having its own building.

FEBRUARY 4.—At a public meeting in the Parochial School Hall a Charity Organization Society was formed. While not as well attended as it should have been, the main purpose was accomplished, and a Central Committee was elected.

FEBRUARY 8.—A Rally of the four Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor was held in the afternoon in the Old Chapel, many of the parents of the children also being present.

FEBRUARY 12.—ASH WEDNESDAY. At the usual service in the evening the Lenten Liturgy was prayed, after having been explained in detail as a comprehensive prayer for the season.

FEBRUARY 16.—FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.—By mutual agreement, all the pastors of the towns this morning spoke of the need of a better observance of the Lord's Day. Otherwise the regular services of the day were held—morning prayer for the children, love-feast and the two Communions, 342 persons being present at the Lord's Supper.

FEBRUARY 18—A large and representative meeting of citizens was to-night held in the Opera House, called by the ministers of the towns, at which the sermons of the past Sunday were followed up with other addresses by both clergymen and laymen. Even if nothing more could be done at this time, the increasing

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laxity of popular observance of the day of rest was, at least, made the subject of emphatic warning.

FEBRUARY 23.—The wonderfully beautiful covering of snow upon town and country this morning merits special mention Such a sight is rarely seen.

FEBRUARY 26.—The heavy rains of the past two days excited apprehensions of a flood along the Monocacy and the Lehigh, but these fears were groundless.

FEBRUARY 28.—Although spared a flood two days ago, to-day the waters of the Lehigh and Monocacy began swiftly to rise, on account of the melting snows and the constant rain. By 5 o'clock the new Monocacy bridge was impassable, and before 9 o'clock fears were entertained that the bridges across the Lehigh might not be able to stand the strain.

MARCH 1.—The flood having reached its height about midnight, namely 25 feet 4 inches above low water mark, this morning the worst was passed. This has been the worst flood in the history of the Lehigh Valley. Other towns have suffered even worse than this community.

MARCH 7.—A joint meeting of the Laurel street and Coopersburg C. E. Societies was held this evening in the Laurel Street Chapel.

MARCH 9.—In the Pastor's Class for young men and boys, held after the Sunday evening service, the study of the history of the Ancient Brethren's Church was begun, illustrated with the lantern.

MARCH 16.—Another meeting of the David Nitschmann Union this afternoon resulted in the adoption of a constitution for the reorganized Union.

MARCH 20.—The last of the series of Instruction Meetings was held to-night. All the candidates for reception into church membership were interviewed by the Board of Elders.

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MARCH 23–30.—EVE OF PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY.—The time-honored series of services was carried through during the entire Passion week. The services, with their simplicity, seem to have lost none of their power and impressiveness.

The Palm Sunday morning service was held at 10 o'clock, and 66 persons were received into communicant fellowship by confirmation, baptism and the right hand of fellowship.

The Central C. E. Society this evening found it necessary to disband.

In the two Communions of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday 819 persons participated, a number of others also receiving the Lord's Supper in their own homes.

A happy incident on Saturday evening was the recognition of the faithfulness of the Choir in all its arduous duties by an informal Reception, and a resolution adopted by the Board of Elders.

The Easter Day early service began at 5.15 A. M. The best of order prevailed, though the attendance was as large as ever. The weather being perfect, there was nothing to mar the joy of the day.

In the afternoon, however, a service was held in the Church memorial of Bro. S. C. Chitty, who died suddenly yesterday.

The number of out-of-town worshippers has been as great as ever.

APRIL 6.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the new Sunday School Building erected by the congregation was opened for use, with appropriate exercises. The attendance was interfered with by heavy rain, but was large, nevertheless, showing the interest felt by the congregation in the completed enterprise.

In the evening the closing portion of the history of the Resurrection was read, a special leaflet being used.

APRIL 9.—On invitation of the Y. M. M. S. Brother J. T. Hamilton gave an illustrated lecture, in the mid-week service, on the Missions in Southern California.

APRIL 16.—In the mid-week service Brother John Hinz made a short address, being on his way to Alaska as a missionary.

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APRIL 24.—A complete reorganization of the David Nitschmann Union was this evening effected, and steps were taken to secure a property on Church street as a home for the Union.

APRIL 29.—A meeting called for the purpose of reorganizing the Central C. E. Society accomplished that purpose.

MAY 4.—COVENANT DAY OF THE SINGLE SISTERS, 148 partaking of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

MAY 8.—ASCENSION DAY. The service was held in the morning, the sermon being preached by the pastor.

MAY 14.—Bro. Augustus Schultze to-night spoke on the Mission in East Central Africa in the mid-week service.

MAY 15.—A largely attended reception was tendered the entire congregation by the Central Sunday School in the new building which that school is now occupying. The arrangements were in charge of the six oldest classes in the school.

MAY 18.—WHIT SUNDAY. In the evening service, it being the anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society, the address was made by Bro. Paul de Schweinitz, his theme being the question, "Why are there mission deficits?"

MAY 25.—At the anniversary service of the Home Missionary Society the invited speaker was Bro. Maurice Oerter, pastor of the congregation at Riverside, N. J. The business meeting of the Society followed the service.

MAY 29.—The new rooms of the David Nitschmann Union were this evening opened, the society being "at home" to all its friends.

MAY 30.—The usual exercises of Memorial Day took place, the weather being most delightful. The oration was delivered in the Central Church by Major General St. Clair Mulholland, of Philadelphia.

JUNE 1.—COVENANT DAY OF THE OLDER GIRLS. Beside the special services incident to the Covenant Day, the Baccalaureate

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Sermon of the College and Theological Seminary was preached by the Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., of Philadelphia.

JUNE 3 to 5.—The Commencement exercises of the College and Theological Seminary, a reception by the Sewing Circle on Tuesday evening, Class Day on Wednesday and the Commencement proper on Thursday morning, followed by the Alumni dinner and the business meeting of that Association.

JUNE 8.—The Annual Sermon of the Young Ladies' Seminary was preached by the Principal, Bro. J. Max Hark. In the evening Bro. Emil Suemper, a recent graduate of the Theological Seminary, was ordained.

JUNE 10 to 12.—The Commencement exercises of the Young Ladies' Seminary. The address on Thursday morning was delivdred by Prof. Edward Howard Griggs.

JUNE 11.—In the mid-week service Bro. W. F. Bade made a missionary address on the condition in China after the Boxer Rebellion.

JUNE 18.—Bro. Paul S. Meinert to-day presented the cause of the new church at Palmyra, N. J., for which he is collecting. In the evening the pastor preached a special sermon to the patriotic orders of the Bethlehems.

JUNE 22.—The Annual Sermon of the Parochial School was preached in the morning service by the Rev. J. deHart Bruen, of Belvidere, N. J.

JUNE 27.—Commencement of the Parochial School. The address was delivered by Bro. J. T. Hamilton.

JUNE 29.—THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGREGATION.—The day was an exceedingly rainy one, which considerably interfered with the attendance. The Communion held in the evening was in both the English and German languages, 262 communicants being present. Two persons were received into fellowship,

JULY 4.—The usual service for Independence Day was held in the Church.

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JULY 6.—The evening service, in memory of the martyrs, was largely a choral one, hymns being interwoven with the address, and the service being concluded with the appropriate liturgy.

JULY 9.—Picnic of the Central Sunday School, on the Island.

JULY 16.—Bro. F. W. Stengel to-night addressed the mid-week meeting, on the Mission on the Moskito Coast.

JULY 30.—Picnic of the Laurel Street Sunday School, on the Island.

AUGUST 10.—MEMORIAL DAY OF THE 13TH OF AUGUST.—Observed with all the regular services, preparatory meeting on tho preceding Friday, morning prayer, love-feast, and the two Communions, German and English, at which there were 213 participants.

AUGUST 17.—FESTAL DAY OF THE CHILDREN.—The preparatory service was held at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and the usual services on Sunday. The attendance of children at the Morning Prayer might have been larger, but in the evening the service held partly in the church and partly on the green was crowded. The most perfect order was observed, and the great concourse of people was markedly reverent.

AUGUST 21.—Annual Business Meeting of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen. Officers for the coming year were elected.

AUGUSL 23.—Picnic of the West Bethlehem Sunday School, on the Island.

AUGUST 24.—In the evening service, the Anniversary of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen, at which Bishop Oerter presided, addresses were made by Bro. Wm. Allen, missionary in the West Indies, now on furlough, and by Bro. Albert Haupert, recently arrived in Bethlehem, to accept a professorship at the College and Theological Seminary.

AUGUST 25–28.—A large number of delegates from the several Societies of Christian Endeavor attended the Convention of the First District, at Hopedale.

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AUGUST 26.—To-day Bro. and Sr. Weiss arrived from Surinam, to make a general collection for the leper work in that Mission.

AUGUST 31.—COVENANT DAY OF THE SINGLE BRETHREN.—The Choir Communion was held after the evening service, in the Old Chapel, with 50 participants.

SEPTEMBER 7.—COVENANT DAY OF THE MARRIED PEOPLE, WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS.—As usual, the children entered the church at the close of the Morning Prayer, and sang several verses, invoking a blessing upon their parents. The attendance at the Communion was large, 214.

Bro. C. H. Wenhold, Jr., was in charge of a Young People's service, held in West Bethlehem Chapel, at the same hour as the Communion in the Church.

SEPTEMBER 9.—In spite of pouring rain a number of Bethlehemites attended the sessions of the Moravian Historical Society at Nazareth.

SEPTEMBER 11.—Church Council, called to nominate delegates to the Sixth Synod of the First District, at Emaus.

SEPTEMBER 16.—The Ministerial Covenant Day was observed by a meeting in the Vestry of the church at 4 P. M.

SEPTEMBER 17.—The Parochial School was opened this morning, a week later than had been intended, the delay being necessitated by the improvements made in the building during the Summer.

SEPTEMBER 18.—Election of delegates to the District Synod, for which nominations had been made last Thursday.

SEPTEMBER 19.—An "Echo Meeting" was held in the evening in the Sunday School Chapel, at which reports of the recent C. E. Convention at Hopedale were made.

SEPTEMBER 21.—Bro. Albert P. Haupert to-day became superintendent of the West Bethlehem Sunday School.

SEPTEMBER 28.—Rev. Dr. Morrow, Secretary of the Pennsyl-

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THE MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

While the Report strictly covers only the year December 1, 1902 to November 30, 1903, the register of the officers of the congregation is corrected to the end of the year 1903, with the changes effected by the election on December 17th, in order that accurate reference may be made to the membership of the Boards.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; George J. Crist, 1900.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio*; F. William Stengel. *Member ex officio* and *Secretary*; George J. Crist, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, ('03–'06); William S. Hermany, ('03–'06); George W. Riegel, ('02–'05); Albert G. Rau, ('02–05); Charles H. Eggert, ('01–'04) James T. Borhek, ('01–'04).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—J. Samuel Krause, *President*, ('02–'05); Joseph M. Leibert, *Treasurer*, ('02–'05); Edward J. Krause, *Secretary*, ('01–'04) Harry J. Meyers, ('02–'05); Abraham S. Schropp, ('01–'04); Aaron B. Levers, ('01–'04); William V. Knauss, ('03–'06); Allen J. Sterner, (,03–'06); Franklin C. Stout, ('03–'06).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio*; F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* George J. Crist, *Member ex officio:* Mathew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('01–'04); Richard W. Leibert, *Treasurer*, ('01–'04); Abraham C. Prince, ('03–'06), William F. Schneller, ('03–'06); Henry A. Krause, ('02-'05); Charles H. Wenhold, ('02–'05).

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ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President*, ('03–'06); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, (1900–'05); Abraham R. Benner, ('02–'07); Mathew J. Schmid, ('03–'08): Cornelius W. Krause, ('99–'04).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Charles W. Clewell, J. Samuel Wolle, (all '03–'04).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('03–'04).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL. — Edward J. Krause, ('03–'04).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Handbook, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By Laws, (Handbook, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets,

Sunday: 10 30 A. M., Litany and Sermon ; 7.00 P. M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P. M., (Summer.)

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A. M. Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7.30 P. M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building third floor.

School Days : 8.30 A. M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST BETHLEHEM CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday : 9.00 A. M. The West Bethlehem Sunday School; 7.00 P. M. Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P. M., (Summer).

Tuesday: 4.15 P. M., Meeting of the West Bethlehem Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.30 P. M., Meeting of the West Bethlehem Y. P. S. C. E.

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V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9.00 A. M., The Laurel Street Sunday School; 10.30 A. M., Litany and Sermon.

7.00 P. M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P. M., (Summer).

Monday: 4.15 P. M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P. M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y.P.S.C.E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1.45 P. M., The Central Sunday School.

6.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4.15 P. M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pages 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pages 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatary to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P. M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P. M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P. M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P. M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceeding Friday evenings.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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PREFACE.

THE One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa., is now presented to the congregation, covering the full year December 1, 1902, to November 30, 1903, following the policy inaugurated last year, of closing all the accounts on the same date, inasmuch as the financial statements submitted to the Annual Council deal only with that period.

Still further condensation has been deemed advisable, with a view to the elimination of all such narrative records as may be traced by consulting the regular records of Societies, etc., and the preservation only of such matters as are valuable for reference during the current year or may be of actual historical value in times to come.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

The effort has been made throughout the year 1903 to give to every part of the congregation uninterrupted opportunity for the worship of God. The occasions on which the chapels were closed because of services elsewhere have been reduced to the minimum. and the congregational response to this policy has been gratifying. Regularity of attendance at all the places of worship, and growth of weekly assemblages, have been encouraging signs of deepening spiritual life, because evidencing spiritual hunger. The special occasions have drawn the usual large congregations, but, what is still better, Sunday by Sunday new faces have been seen in the sanctuary.

The one suggestion which might well be reiterated is that the children of every family should be brought regularly to worship with the congregation by their parents, in order that they may grow up accustomed to church attendance, and then the temptation to drift away from good influences will not be as strong. There are times when the children gather in a body, surrounded by the adult membership of the congreaation, but at other seasons it should be the carefully guarded privilege of all parents to come to the house of prayer accompanied by the children with whom they have been entrusted by God.

The number of services held during the year under review, in church and chapels. exclusive of the meetings of Sunday-Schools, societies, etc., is as follows:

In the Central Church, 182; in the Old Chapel, 104; in West Bethlehem Chapel, 44; in Laurel Street Chapel, 86; total, 416. In 59 of these the pastors were assisted by other ministerial or lay brethren.

The following is the record of baptisms and the administration of other rites:

Infant Baptisms: in the Central Church, 4; in West Bethlehem Chapel, 2: in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; at the homes of the parents, 32; total, 39.

Adult Baptisms: In the Central Church, 1.

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Confirmations; In the Central Church, 36; in West Bethlehem Chapel, 2; total, 38.

Receptions from other denominations or Moravian congregations: in Central Church, 31: in Laurel Street Chapel, 1: total, 32.

Marriages: In the Central Church, 2; at the parsonages, or at the homes of the parties, 15; total, 17.

Funerals: In the Church, old Chapel, or at the homes, 27.

Holy Communion: administered in the Central Church, 15 times, to 3171 communicants. And in addition, this sacrament has been administered to sick or infirm whenever desired, especially at the regular Communion seasons.

II.—THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

Last year's Report set forth at considerable length the system of pastoral oversight which now obtains, therefore repetition is unnecessary. The same general relations are still preserved, with the intention to maintain, for the good of the whole congregation, its perfect integrity, and at the same time to allow to each part a wise measure of autonomy and opportunity for self-development. No particular policy is to be forced on any part of the congregation, but neither would it be right to ignore indications that may be the hand of the Spirit, for the sake of continuing a settled system which, however good hitherto, may not be the most effective under present local conditions.

The constant visiting of the Pastors, going in and out of the homes, brings every part of the congregation into a personal relation with those who are seeking only the glory of Christ and the spread of His Church. And just here is an opportunity for a display of the spirit of real co-operation. If perchance some home or individual has been omitted in pastoral visitation, or if such visitation should at any time be especially advisable, a kindly intimation to that effect on the part of any one would be a real kindness to all concerned.

Particularly should cases of sickness be promptly reported to one or other of the ministerial brethren. Sometimes this cannot be conveniently done by the immediate family; then a neighbor

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or other member of the congregation can perform this kindly office.

And once again let it be emphasized, that a visit by the Pastor does not mean only a social call, although nothing of a distinctly religious nature may be at once mentioned. But he is seeking to be of greatest service wherever he goes, in whatever way he may be needed. Frankly to meet him on this footing, and naturally to give opportunity for mutual spiritual help, will be to enter the happy relations which should exist in a congregation.

III.—THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the report last year attention was drawn to the fact, revealed by the figures sent in by the three Sunday Schools of the congregation, that there had been a large falling off in the number of children and young people enrolled, a falling off that has marked the reports of almost every year for a good while past.

It again becomes our sad duty to call attention to the same fact presenting itself in the review of the past year, although the decrease has been comparatively slight, only 12 in the total enrollment of the schools themselves, exclusive of the Home Department. At the same time, when it is remembered that it is most largely and naturally out of the Sunday Schools that the accessions to the communicant membership of the Church must come, no matter if there is a present increase in the general membership any decrease in the number of children presents a discouraging prospect.

Various causes may be brought forward as contributory to this state of things. One certainly is the removal from town of younger families,—though but few changes of this kind have occurred during the past year. Another may be the feeling on the part of some, that the Sunday School falls short of the full accomplishment of its mission. It is sufficient to meet this unfair criticism with the statement that in view of the lack of spiritual child training that is so sadly noticeable in many homes, it is a

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wonder that so much *has* been accomplished in the one hour a week that the children spend in Sunday School. And still another cause may general indifference on the part of parents of as to the attitude of their children over against the School. Attendance at day school is made compulsory by the State, but since the Sunday-school is voluntary, it will easily be seen that more than a tacit permission is needed from the parents, —personal and constant encouragement and example should be given. Consulting the enrollment of the congregation itself, again, we see that the whole number of children on our lists under the age of 13 is 350, a very small figure compared with our total membership, 1904. Being careful, therefore, not to take any scholars from other schools, which form of proselytism is not only unfraternal, but inherently morally wrong, our attention should more vigorously be given to the ingathering of children and young people outside of such influences.

And, in conclusion, to make a Sunday School thoroughly effective, teachers are needed who are willing to devote themselves to their work with all their heart, and who by showing in their own lives the salvation they teach, lead into personal experience of the light those who have been committed to their care.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The register of those connected with this School will be found later in this Report. It is gratifying to note that an increase of 20 in the total enrollment over last year has been reported, although the Home Department is not as large.

Abstract from the Statement of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Scholars, male, 199; female, 268; total, 458. Teachers, male, 10; female, 32; total, 42. Officers, male, 6; female, 0; total, 6. Grand total enrollment, male, 206; female, 300; total, 506. The expenses have amounted to $296.65, and the donations to $320. In this account have been included the contributions of the Home Department, $148.96, which now has an enrollment of 19 male and 127 female; total, 146. The average attendance in the School was 308.

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B.—WEST BETHLEHEM SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Abstract from the Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Scholars, male, 102; female, 131; total 233. Teachers, male, 18; female, 16; total, 34. Officers, male, 7; female, 1; total, 8. Total enrollment, male, 127; female, 148; grand total, 275. Average attendance, 183. The expenses of the school called for $132.76, and donations were made to the amount of $170.00.

The Home Department enrollment is 47, and its Superintendent is Mrs. Emma Meyers.

C.—THE LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the absence of the Superintendent during the Summer, Mr. Edwin J. Heath, of the Theological Seminary, filled this post.

By awarding banners for good attendance and liberal offerings each month to the classes that have earned them, both attendance and collection have been gratifyingly increased.

Abstract from the Statements of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Scholars, male, 114; female, 149; total, 263. Teachers, male, 7; female, 18; total, 25. Officers, male, 5; female, 1; total 6. Total enrollment, male, 126; female, 168; grand total, 294. Average attendance, 188. Expenses, $126.16; donations, $128.00.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

Scanning the figures given below, and comparing them with last year's, it will be noted that the growth which attended the school-year of 1902 has steadily continued through 1903. The congregation believes it a good investment to spend a large portion of its income in securing the best possible education for its young people, and therefore it is gratifying to find that there is an ever increasing number of those who make use of their privilege and opportunity.

During the Summer recess Mr. Laramy, who had proved himself a most efficient instructor, severed his connection with the school, and two teachers were elected in his place, Mr. Edward A. Yellis and Miss Louise E. Sterner, rendering possible a complete rearrangement of the work assigned to each member of the faculty.

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The last school-year closed on June 24th, and the Annual Sermon was preached in the Central Church on the preceeding Sunday, June 21st, by the Rev. Howard T. Quigg, of South Bethlehem. The address to the graduates on Commencement morning was given by the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz.

The present enrollment of scholars: male, 123; female, 122; total, 245. Teachers: male, 4; female, 9; total, 13. There were graduated in 1903: male, 17; female, 3; total 20.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts and Disbursements of The Moravian Parochial School Board for the Year Ending November 30, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....		$ 2,131 42
Tuition, from Moravians.....	$1,121 70	
Tuition, Non-Moravians.....	3,646 60—	4,768 30
Hall Rent, for use of Class Room...		1 00
Miscellaneous:		
From Graduates for invitations...	26 00	
From Alumni Association for Laboratory	34 85—	60 85
Board of Trustees: Appropriation for 1903...		4,433 82
		$11,395 39

DISPURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel.....	$ 592 45	
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	704 22	
Chemical Laboratory.....	46 83	
Physical Laboratory.....	60 40	
Books and Stationery.....	150 78	
Salaries.....	7,525 00—	9,079 68
Balance in Bank, Nov. 30, 1903.....	414 36	
Balance in hands of Board.....	1,901 35—	2,315 71
		$11,395 39

RICHARD W. LEIBERT, Treasurer.

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IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Women's Missionary Society.*

Organized March 8, 1818.

There are now 288 members in this, the oldest of the missionary societies of the congregation, ten more than at the last report although six members departed this life during the year. The meetings have been as follows: two special meetings, one Board meeting, and the annual business meeting. The anniversary service took the form of a lovefeast, held on the afternoon of Whit Sunday, May 31st, at the time of the Provincial Synod, an excellent address being delivered by the Rev. E. S. Hagen, of Lititz, Pa.

The report of the Treasurer contains the following facts of interest:

The receipts of the year amounts to $325.64, of which the collectors gathered $152.00, and $130.64 was the collection on the Anniversary Day, the remainder coming as interest on investments. Donations were made to the amount of $310.00, to the Mission Library of the congregation, the General Mission Fund, the Leper Home in Surinam, the Indian Mission in California, and the Church of Bridgetown, Barbados:

The officers are:—Mrs. James T. Borhek, *President*; Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, 1st *Vice President;* Mrs. Emil J. Bishop, 2nd *Vice President;* Mrs Louisa Meyers, *Treasurer;* Mrs. F. H. Brunner, *Secretary;* Miss Clara Frueauff, *Librarian;* Miss Emma Hillman, Miss Mary Ann Rice. Mrs. Caroline Detterer, Mrs. D. Sensenbach, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. H. C. Tacy, Mrs. Abraham Benner, Mrs. David Groman, Miss Belle Doster, Mrs. Emma Walter, Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, *Collectors and members of the Board of Managers.*

2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The membership has, we regret to state, fallen off not a little during the year, numbering now 287, divided as follows:

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active, 171; honorary, 64; life, 52. Yet while this represents, of course, a decrease of funds gathered by means of the annual dues, it is not to be taken as a cause for discouragement. Another year may show a correspondingly large *gain*. The most regrettable loss has been in the temporary omission of the monthly missionary meetings which had in preceding years been held in connection with the mid-week services. Several were held, but irregularly. It is hoped that these can soon be resumed.

Six business meetings took place, and six special meetings.

The anniversary was observed on Sunday, January 18th. The Retiring President, Fred. H. Wilhelm, read the annual report. In the evening, the annual address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Harlan P. Beach. of New York City, Educational Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions.

The Treasurer's report presents the following facts: collections, at the anniversary and special meetings, amounted to $154.50; the annual dues brought in $121.56; and $68.00 represents the interest on investments.

Donations amounting to $275.00 were made to the Mission in Bohemia, Trinidad, the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, the Mission Deficit, the General Mission Fund, and Alaska.

The officers of the year were: Howard J. Wiegner, *President;* John Bishop, *Vice President;* Paul H. Bishop, *Secretary;* Arthur A. Davis, *Treasurer.*

At the beginning of 1904, however, the following officers were elected: Rev. Wm. N. Schwarze, *President*; Theo. W. Shields, *Vice President;* George Raymond Schmich, *Secretary;* Arthur A. Davis, *Treasurer.*

3.—*The Mite Society.*

Organized in 1878.

A slight increase in membership is reported, the rolls now containing 201 names, 181 of the contributors being women, and 20 men. Received in small sums, according to the purpose of the organization to gather up the mites otherwise lost, $118 was given to the General Mission Treasury.

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Two stated meetings of the Collectors took place, at which the attendance was good. Efforts were made to increase the membership, for the amounts collected are so small that it would be impossible for any one to count them burdensome giving. Two Collectors resigned, and were replaced by three new ones.

The officers are: Miss Helen de Schweinitz, *President;* Miss Emily L. Meyers, *Secretary;* Miss Mary Krause, *Treasurer;* Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Belle Doster, Miss Emily Lange, Miss Lucy Brickenstein, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Antoinette Prince, Miss Laura Schwab, Miss Annie Hirst, *Additional Collectors.*

4.—*The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.*

Organized May 10, 1881.

The membership of the Society is the same as the enrollment of the School, therefore 124 boys and 121 girls; total, 245.

The systematic bringing together of small offerings taught by this society resulted in the collection of $34.67, rendering possible contributions to the amount of $33.07, to the following needs: a bell in St. Croix, the Leper Hospital, a Home Missionary in the West, the J. H. Traeger steamboat in Alaska, the Mission Deficit and the General Mission Fund.

The officers are: Leonard Borhek, *President;* Martha Bishop, *Vice President;* Helena de Schweinitz, *Secretary;* Robert Clauder, *Treasurer.*

5.—*The Home Missionary Society,*

Founded March 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 1865.

As in former years not more than four meetings were necessary during the period we are now considering, but at these arrangements were made for the annual house-to-house canvass, the specific appropriations, and the holding of the Annual Meeting and Anniversary Service. Since the latter came within the time at which the Provincial Synod was in session, June 7th, it was combined with the Synodal Home Mission Day. Bro. Haehnle, of Nazareth, presided at the evening service, and addresses were delivered by the Brethren C. A. Meilecke and W. N. Thomas.

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The annual canvass of the congregation was made during the month of May, bringing into the treasury $408.04. The monthly offerings gathered in the church and chapels amounted to $853.00. The interest from investments added $134.00, making a total income of $1295.06. The disbursements amount to $1056.73. The special collection in aid of the District Board of Church Extention and the added appropriation of the Society do not appear here, taking place in December.

The officers elected at the Annual Meeting on May 17th, are:—Rev. A. D. Thaeler, *President*; Rev. F. W. Stengel, *Vice President;* Augustus H. Leibert, *Recording Secretary;* Simon Rau, *Treasurer;* Edward C. Roest, H. B. Eggert, Rev. H. A. Jacobson, Henry A. Krause, H. B. Schneller, and W. S. Hermany, *Directors.*

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Missionary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; *Organized November* 28, 1888.

This Society has once again taken up the work of gathering from house to house the offerings of members of the congregation in aid of the Mission in Alaska.

The business meeting was held on the evening of February 8th, after the Sunday evening service, the officers then being elected.

The Treasurer reports that the offering on New Year's Eve amounted to $64.40, and the October canvass to $465.59, a total of $529.99,

Officers:—J. D. Bishop, *President;* F. H. Brunner, *Vice President;* Chas. W. Clewell, *Secretary;* C. O. Brunner, *Treasurer.*

Directors:—The Pastors, *ex officio;* Chas. H. Eggert, Frank I. Klinker, Theodore Kampmann, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Miss Emily Meyers, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Lynn, Mrs. A. E. Cortelyou.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Ladies' Sewing Society.*

Organized January 28, 1869.

The active membership remains the same as last year, 25, but there is an increase of 2 in the honorary list, being now 19. The

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meetings held regularly every Wednesday afternoon have called forth a great amount of regular service on the part of the members, and as a result five surplices have been presented to our ministers in the field, and $200.00 in cash has been distributed at Christmas time to Home Missionaries, to remind them of the love of those at home.

Officers:—Mrs. F. H. Huth, *President;* Mrs. Levin Leibfried, *Vice President;* Mrs. Ottelie de Schweinitz, *Secretary;* Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp, *Treasurer.*

2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*
Organized October 9, 1881.

There are 7 active and 5 honorary members in this Circle, which has taken as its principal mission work for our College, and Theological Seminary.

On June 30th it also gave a reception at the home of Mrs. A. C. Borhek, in honor of Bro. and Sr. J. T. Hamilton, who were about to leave the work they had long carried on at the head of the College household, to take up their residence and duties in Germany.

The amount earned by the Circle during the year was $209.45.

Leader:—Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—*The Busy Workers.*
Organized March 1, 1884.

The membership of this society of young ladies numbers 12 active and 11 honorary, and this indicates that, entering as it will within a very short time its 21st year of usefulness, the organization is in a very strong and healthy condition.

The Annual Fair was held on June 6, and the Sale or "Kaffee Klatsch", on the 6th of the preceeding December. The Receipts for the year amounted to $413.48, and donations were made to the Alaska Mission, Home Missions, and the Theological Seminary, each of which received $50. Besides these, ten Home Missionaries each received $10 as a Christmas remembrance.

Officers for 1903:—Miss Isabel Bailey, *President;* Mrs. R. Paul Stout, *Vice President;* Mrs. Albert G. Connolly, *Treasurer;* Miss Alice Prince, *Secretary.*

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4.—*The Twenty Minute Society.*

Organized October, 1893.

The membership remains the same as last year, one member having departed this life, and one being added. Eight meetings were held, and one box of clothing and household supplies was sent to a Home Missionary, which, together with the accompanying check, amounted in value to $366 55.

Officers:—Mrs. Edward H. Jacobson, *President;* Mrs. E. A. Rau, *Treasurer;* Mrs. C. W. Krause *Corresponding Secretary;* Mrs. J. A. Rice, *Recording Secretary.*

5.—*The Sewing Society of the West Bethlehem Chapel.*

Organized April 2, 1903.

We take pleasure in adding a report from this Society, one of the newest organizations in the congregation, and commend it for the work it has already been able to accomplish. Organization took place in the West Bethlehem Chapel on April 2, and meetings have been held on almost every Thursday afternoon since that date, with an average attendance of 10 members. Its purpose is to draw more closely together those ladies of the congregation who are more or less connected with the interests of the West Bethlehem Chapel, and to render from time to time such service as may be needed in that direction.

On April 25 a bread and cake sale was held at the home of the President, and a second on October 10, out of the proceeds of which $100 was given to the Chapel Organ Fund.

Officers:— Mrs. Albert T. Doster, *President;* Mrs. Edward Whetford, *Vice-President;* Mrs. Charles Rauch, *Secretary;* Miss Belle Doster, *Treasurer.*

6.—*Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.*

Organized October, 1903.

This, also, is one of the organizations of the past year, formed "for the purpose of fostering a spirit of sociability among the

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ladies attending the services in Laurel Street Chapel and incidently to raise small sums of money in aid of the Chapel."

Its meetings are held on every other Wednesday afternoon. The membership at present is 15,

Officers:—Mrs Ottelia V. Borhek, *President;* Mrs. Emma Crist, *Vice President;* Mrs. Hattie A. Clewell, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. *First Circles formed in* 1887.

The Union comprises 22 Circles of King's Daughters and 3 Circles of King's Sons, the former having a membership of 328, and the latter 27, a total membership of 355, showing an increase over last year of 29. Only one member was lost through death.

The main work of the Union is the support of the nurse, Miss Jean Skinner, whose services were required on 242 days during the year, and wherever she has gone her ministrations have been abundantly blessed.

But among the many Circles, each planning effective labor "in His Name" there is being constantly done a quiet work of kindness that never comes to light seeking applause.

The Union has on interest at present $1100.00, the cash on hand at the annual meeting for running expenses being $538.45. The reported donations, to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the Theological Seminary and Local Charity, amounted to $759.74.

On the evening of January 13th the Uuion tendered the entire congregation a Reception in the new Sunday School Building, at at which several hundred members were gathered for a most pleasant hour or two.

Officers of the Union for 1903: Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, *President*; Miss Helen de Schweinitz, Mrs. Hannah Roest, Mrs. E. A. Rau, *Vice Presidents;* Miss Annie A. Becker, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Susan Milchsach, *Treasurer;* Mrs. A. D.Thæler, Mrs F. W. Stengel, Mrs G. J. Crist, *Nurse Committee.*

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NAMES OF CIRCLES AND THEIR LEADERS.

1. Helpers' Circle 1887, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz.
2. Watchful Circle, 1887, Mrs. Eugene Rau.
3. Whatsoever Circle, 1889, Mrs. J. M. Levering.
4. Lend a Hand Circle, 1889, Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz.
5. Countess Zinzendorf Circle, 1890, Mrs. Maria Shields.
6. Countess Benigna Circle, 1892, Mrs. J. M. Levering.
7. Thoughtful Circle, 1897, Miss Marie Hesse.
8. Faithful Workers Circle, 1901, Miss Marie Hesse,
9. Opportunity Circle, 1894, Mrs Anna Bailey.
10. Bethany Circle, 1894, Mrs Hannah Roest.
11. Loyal Circle, 1894, Mrs. A. D. Thæler.
12. Anna Nitchmann Circle, 1894, Mrs A. D. Thaeler.
13. Clover Leaf Circle, 1894, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
14. Steadfast Circle, 1895, Mrs. Geo. J. Crist.
15. Pansy Circle, 1896, Mrs Geo. J. Crist.
16. Forget-me-not Circle, 1897, Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
17. Golden Rule Circle, 1898, Mrs. J. Reinke.
18. Mizpah Circle, 1898, Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
19. Dorcas Circle, 1899. Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
20. Heartsease Circle, 1902, Mrs. A. L. Renshaw.
21. Ever Willing Circle, 1902, Mrs. F. W. Stengel.
22. His Own Circle, 1902, Mrs. Geo. J. Crist.
23. Cup of Loving Service Circle, 1892, King's Sons, Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
24. Ever Ready Circle 1898, King's Sons, Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
25. In His Name Circle, 1902, King's Sons, Mrs. Geo. J. Crist.

D.—THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

1.— *West Bethlehem Young People's.*

Organized June 15, 1888.

Membership, 23 active, 13 being female and 10 male. Honorary membership 7.

The active membership of this Society has remained station-

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ary, the accessions and losses equalling one another. A good spirit has characterized the work of the year, and we believe that it has been attended with blessing to all who have made use of this means of grace. Efforts put forth for the benefit of the organ to be placed in the Chapel netted $60. The missionary committee arranged for several meetings which proved instructive and helped to deepen an interest in this cause. The two cent a week plan supplemented by collections taken at the consecration meetings enabled the Society to raise $25.79 for Missions.

For its own expenses, the organ and missions the society raised $103.81.

The officers for 1904 are: Gerhard C. Brennecke, *President;* William C. Krebs, *Vice President;* Mary Hackman, *Recording Secretary;* Harriet Miksch, *Corresponding Secretary;* Paul Jahnke, *Treasurer.*

2.—*West Bethlehem Junior.*

Organized April 9, 1892; *disbanded October.* 1893; *re-organized February* 21, 1896.

Membership, 35 girls and 15 boys. Total, 50.

It was found desirable to change the time of meeting from Saturday to Tuesday. The members of this Society now meet at 4.15 P.M. Mrs. Stengel who had charge of this work last year has found it necessary to relinquish it, but it is being efficiently carried on by those who assisted in the work formerly.

This Society is doing a work that should meet with the hearty co-operation of all parents, in sending their children.

The work is at present under the direction of the Misses Georgie Bishop, Harriet Miksch and Mary Styers. The students of the Seminary also render assistance from time to time. Home Missions and other causes received $13.00 from the treasury.

The following are the officers: Ellen Schupp, *President;* Willie Miller, *Vice-President;* Grace Wambold, *Secretary;* Charles Boehler, *Treasurer.*

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3.—*Central Young People's.*

Organized January 30, 1889 re-organized April 29, 1902.

Membership, 14 active, 5 being male and 9 female.

This Society continues small in membership, although somewhat larger than at last report. But the meetings, which are now held on Sunday evenings, preceding the regular church-service by three-quarters ef an hour, have been accomplishing not a little in encouraging more free utterance for the Master.

Officers: Miss Clara N. Bishop, *President;* Miss Martha M. Bishop, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Iva Krause, *Corresponding Secretary;* Miss Harriet Stem, *Treasurer.*

4.—*Central Junior.*

Organized April 7, 1892.

Membership, 6 boys and 25 girls. Total, 31.

The meetings are now held regularly each Tuesday afternoon after school hours in the Sunday School Chapel, and show a decided increase of interest and spirituality. A new feature has been the organization of the society on quasi-military lines, for the purpose of teaching self-government, and the plan has worked admirably. The Society attended the Convention at Schoeneck in a body, and took part in the exercises there, Each of the Committees has recently had charge of a meeting, a fact worthy of note when the age of the children is taken into account.

Mrs. A. D. Thaeler is the Superintendent, assisted by Mr. Edwin J. Heath and Mr. Richard Williams, from the Theological Seminary. But, carrying out the organization of a company, the the following are the officers: Henry Smyth, *Past Captain;* Pauline Borhek, *Captain;* Charles Rauch, *First Lieutenant;* Florence Haupert, *Quartermaster;* Dorothea de Schweinitz, *Second Lieutenant.*

Mrs. T. S. Loeser had also been one of the assistant superintendents, but departed this life in November.

While the expenditures have been small, they keep systematic giving before tne minds of the young people, and train them for larger giving later. The regular contributions to the missionary fund of the C. E. Union were again made.

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5.—*Laurel Street Young People's.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

Membership, 28 active, and 8 honorary.

The general feeling in the Society is one of encouragement and eagerness to do still more good work. The attendance at the Friday evening meetings has been good, and the training has been effective in many ways. The Missionary Committee has again had charge of a number of very instructive meetings, also gathering during the year, by dues and donations, $32.89, from which various gifts were made. The Society presented Brother J. H. Schoechert with a Communion set, to be used by the mission-congregation at Togiak, Alaska.

The Flower and Visiting Committee has just completed its first year of service, and its efforts were much appreciated. A visit was received from the Nazareth Society, and return visits were made to Nazareth and Easton.

The present officers are: Richard Williams, *President;* Miss Elizabeth Beidelman, *Vice President;* Miss Mary Kremser, *Recording Secretary;* Miss Ellen Ritter, *Corresponding Secretary;* Henry Desh, *Treasurer.*

6.—*Laurel Street Junior.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

Membership, 35 girls, 11 boys, 11 trial members, and 4 helpers, an enrollment of 61.

The meetings have been exceptionally well attended, being held on Monday afternoons, after school hours. A special feature this year has been the Bible drill, both in learning the books and memorizing passages. During the month of June a "Flower Day" was observed, the flowers being afterwards distributed among the sick and aged. A large number of the children attended the Convention at Schoeneck of the First District Union. Donations were made to the Theological Seminary, the Mission Deficit and the Hospital at Leh. A part of the money raised came as the proceeds of a sale of aprons and iron-holders made by the Juniors.

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The officers are: Mrs. George J. Crist, *Superintendent;* Miss Annie Hirst, Miss Stella Jones and Mr. Charles Albrecht, *Assistants;* Ward Cruickshank, *President;* Margaret Matz, *Secretary;* Eddie Gilmore, *Treasurer.*

E.—THE YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE.

Organized March 16, 1902.

For more than a year and a half this organization of the young men of the congregation has occuped its rooms at 57 Church Street, and has been the means of bringing together a good many who might have otherwise drifted apart, at the same time affording a means of enlisting their united activities for greater social service. The aims of the League and its several departments were described in the last annual report, so nothing further of these will be said here.

The membership, 65, is somewhat smaller than last year, but that is easily accounted for by the dropping out of not a few who had joined at first to help in establishing the work. The receipts of the House Fund were $548.99, and the disbursements, $552.79. More than $500.00 is also held in the Building Fund, temporarily invested in the hope that the future may find the League in possession of a home constructed according to its special needs.

Officers: Charles H. Træger, *President;* James R. Schmid, *Vice President;* Frank C. Gapp, *Secretary;* Frederick T. Beckel, *Treasurer;* Rev. A. D. Thæler, *Additional member of the Executive Committee.*

F.—MEMORANDA OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

The general interest in the work of the Church and the desire to assist particularly in those lines where service was needed brought about the formation of several more or less closely organized associations. Some rendering only occasional help, others being called upon for quite regular work, these companies of helpers have been making an important place for themselves

Among them we would note the choir of ladies who have offered themselves for the much needed service of assisting at

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funerals, when such are held at the homes. The transposition of tunes so that they can be used solely by female voices, and the practicing of these until entirely familiar, have not been a slight task, but a service much appreciated by those who heretofore had experienced the need of such a choir.

This is a work that the West Bethlehem Chapel choir has for years been performing at funerals in West Bethlehem, and also elsewhere when requested, and during the year that organization has assisted on five such occasions, besides its regular work in connection with the Sunday evening services.

Under the leadership of Miss Virginia Huebner about 15 of the West Bethlehem boys were formed into a boy's choir, practicing regularly and attaining such a degree of efficiency that on three different occasions they have taken the place of the older choir in the Chapel evening service, also singing in a number of other services. Using a natural gift thus in the name of the Master will surely bring a blessing not only to those who offer it, but also to those who have brought it into view.

With the beginning of 1903 four young men enlisted their services as ushers and collectors for the West Bethlehem Chapel, and this is again to be noted as a step forward in the complete equipment of that place of warship.

On November 17th several persons interested in the study of missions among the heathen gathered in the vestry and spent the evening together in planning a series of study-hours, taking up one field after the other and examining as carefully as possible into its history and the present conditions. A large measure of interest has been awakened in this rather more systematic effort to secure information regarding the foreign work of the Church and each meeting has been larger than the preceding, both in scope and point of numbers. United effort on the part of the several Missionary Societies of the congregation has at the same time resulted in offering to the congregation the nucleus of a missionary library, placed in the northeast room of the church, and accessible to any one, Brother S. S. Warner

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acting as librarian. The walls o. this room are also to be gradually covered with maps of our mission-fields, so that every facility for intelligent study will be provided.

Referring now to the work of that choir which has for so many years been serving the Church, the trombonists, we note from their report that they have been called together on 77 occasions during the course of the year. There are many perhaps who have never had their attention drawn to the fact of the constant service required of this body.

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VII.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1 Total Money Disbursed during the year December 1st, 1902, to November 30th, 1903, by the congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregation work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$26,446.40
Contributed to all objects apart from congregation work	9,885.86
Total	$36,332.26

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$14,532.78	
" Land Rents	1,110.82	
" House Rents	1,812.31	$17,455.91
Contributions of Members		3,729.50
Total Receipts		$21,185.41

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 817.37	
Repairs to Productive Property	558.38	
General Expenses	1,244.15	$2,619.90
Donations		675.00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	4,433.82	
Repairs and Furniture	351.44	4,785.26
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Synodal Expenses	290.40	
Provincial Revenue	900.00	
Archive Expenses	74.70	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard	232.44	
Repairs to Church Buildings	1,878.49	
Repairs to Parsonages	418.07	
Appropriation to Sunday-schools	675.00	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	8,439.00	12,903.10
		$20,983.26
Excess of Receipts		202.15
		$21,185.41

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A word may not be out of place with reference to the item among the Receipts, "Contributions of Members." Comparison with last year's figures will show but a very slight increase here. On the other hand it will be noted that the inevitable shrinkage of income from investments bearing interest is taking place, being, in fact $227.10 less than in 1902. And with the continual decrease of rates of interest, this shrinkage must increasingly be expected in the future.

The difference should be made up, and might be, if all the members were to be more careful in fulfilling their obligations to the congregation in the matter of "Church Dues." That there should always be a long list of delinquents sent by the Board of Trustees to the Elders at the end of each November indicates a point of weakness. In order that this matter may be once more clearly presented to all our members, let us say, first of all:

That the Annual Dues are $3.60. If, however, they are paid in the two regular installments during the current year a rebate is deducted, reducing the amount to $3.00, or $1.50 in each installment.

These payments are called for in the months of February and August. The Treasurer is always to be found in his office at the regular hours, and on certain days also in the evenings.

When, however, the financial year has closed, on November 30, there can be no rebate, and the names of all who are in arrears are sent to the Board of Elders. And all in arrears are also "in bad standing," a fact which endangers their congregation privilleges. If there is inability to meet this obligation, the fact should be promptly reported to the Board of Elders, who may, after consideration, recommend exoneration by the Board of Trustees.

Continued indifference to notices sent by mail and indisposition to relieve the situation on the part of delinquents place the Board of Elders under the painful necessity of dropping such from membership. Or rather, according to the rules, the indifference of the delinquents itself severs from the privilege of membership It is sincerely to be hoped that hereafter this obligation to

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financially support the congregation will be regarded with the same keen sense of honor that hastens the meeting of every other debt.

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3. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects, and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $221.82; Sunday-school, $70.00,)	$ 291.82
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $159.86; Sunday-school, $75.00; Societies, $50.00,)	284.86
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $978.44; Sunday-school, $100.00; Societies, $451.30,)	1,529 74
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $703.92; Sunday-school, $25.00; Societies, $105.00,)	833.92
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Societies, $249 25,)	249.25
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $672.57; Sunday-school, $85.00; Societies, $60.00,)	717.57
Home Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $1771.55; Sunday-school, $100.00; Societies, $761.75,)	2,633.30
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $275.65; Sunday-school, $120.00; Societies, $281.80,)	676.45
All other causes, (Societies, $4.20,)	4.20
Total for Enterprises of the Moravian Church,	$ 7,322.11
General Christian objects, (Collections, $127.60; Sunday-school, $43.00; Societies, $28.05,)	198.65
Expenses of Synods, (Collections, $431.70; Church Dues, $290.40,)	722.10
Provincial Revenue, (Church Dues, $900.00,)	900.00
Congregation purposes,	9,496.71
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$18,639.57

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4. Contributions of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 675.00
Derived by Societies from invested legacies,	68.00
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels,	9,142.86
Total	$ 9,885.86

5. Total Money Disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1903, exclusive of Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of congregation,	$17,256.76
Appropriated from income of Almoners,	438.93
Appropriated from income of invested legacies of Societies,	68.00
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels,	18,571.57
Total from Income and Contributions	$36,332.26

A careful examination into the foregoing tables will afford considerably food for thought, as well as gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, that we have been so enabled to bring our offerings for his work.

In preceding years, with the exception of 1902, it had been the custom to gather from the columns of "The Moravian" the contributions made by members of the Bethlehem congregation, but this has been discontinued, since this is not a giving through congregational channels, although thereby hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars cannot here be counted in. And since last year's report covered only eleven months, a comparison can scarcely in any wise be made with entire fairness. Remembering this, however, it is a good thing to note that 1903 brought $3,250.21 more into the Lord's Treasury than 1902. And while during 1901 between three and four thousand dollars were counted as

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individual gifts in the "Moravian," and such giving is presumably still as liberal, this year's report falls within $1355.15 of the total of that year.

With the whole communicant membership as the basis, the per capita average contribution for all causes is $12.75; and for causes outside our own congregational work, $6.25, both exclusive of all appropriations from funds.

One fact not always remembered is that a large part of the "church dues," gathered in one lump sum, goes towards general Church Support, $1190.40 of the $3729.50 thus received being paid into the Provincial Treasury. In most congregations the quotas for Provincial Revenue and Synodal Expenses are separate assessments, but being among us a part of the one yearly due of $3.60, they are almost lost sight of. There are 1135 contributing members in the congregation.

In conclusion, however, let us learn the lesson rather of depending upon the comparatively small sums given regularly by *every* member of the congregation, than of looking to a smaller circle of especially liberal givers. Not only will this lead to a greatly augmented total at the end of each succeeding year, but also established the financial strength of the congregation, both in its own things, and likewise in its larger relation to outside needs.

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VIII.—THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1903.

Church Members.	Totals, December 1, 1902.	Increase during 1903						Decrease during 1902.				Totals, November 30, 1903.
		Adults Baptized.	Confirmed. Moravian.	Confirmed. Non-Morav'n.	Received. Moravian.	Received. Non-Morav'n.	Readmitted.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
A—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	602	1	30	8	15	17	6	16	1	18	32	610
Females	850											852
												—1462
B—Non-Communicants Over 13 Years, viz.:		Transferred from Children.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	85	24			0			1	15	1	7	85
Females	64	16			0			0	13	0	0	67
												— 152
C—Children, viz.:		Baptized.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Non Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	177	17			1			1	24	1	8	161
Females	196	19			1			3	16	0	8	189
												— 350
Grand Totals	1974											1964

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		*Non-Resident.*		*Souls.*		
	Males.	*Females.*	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non-Resident.*	*Total.*
Married Couples	302	302	20	20	604	40	644
Married Men	45		19		45	19	64
Married Women		86		39	86	39	125
Widowers	34		1		34	1	35
Widows		125		15	125	15	140
Single Men	155		30		155	30	185
Single Women		237		17	237	17	254
Older Boys	4		0		4	0	4
Older Girls		10		1	10	1	11
Total Communicants	540	760	70	92	1300	162	1462

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	540	760	1300
Non-Resident Communicants	70	92	162
Total Communicants	610	852	1462

NON-COMMUNICANTS.

	Males	*Females*	*Total.*
Single Men	16		6
Single Women		11	11
Older Boys	69		69
Older Girls		56	56
Total Non-Communicants	85	67	152

CHILDREN.

	Males.	*Females*	*Total.*
Resident	140	169	309
Non-Resident	21	20	41
Total Children	161	189	350

GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

	Males	*Females*	*Total.*
Resident	765	996	1761
Non-Resident	91	112	203
	856	1108	1964

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Married People	386	447	833
Widowers	35	.....	35
Widows	.....	140	140
Single Men	201	.....	201
Single Women	.....	265	265
Older Boys	73	.....	73
Older Girls	.....	67	67
Children	161	189	350
Grand Total Membership	856	1108	1964

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IX.—A REGISTER

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1903.

(Handbook, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Joseph A. Rice, President, 1899.
Edward J. Krause, Secretary, 1890.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. Wm. Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
Charles H. Eggert, 1878.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
James T. Borhek, 1901.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
Edward J. Krause, 1889.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1880.
Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
9 persons.

The School Board.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. Wm. Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Richard W. Leibert, 1858-'60, '82.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Cornelius W. Krause, 1889.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Charles W. Clewell, 1894.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1895,
3 persons.

Persons engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

Albert G. Rau, Superintendent, 1896.
Frank I. Klinker,
Assistant Superintendent, 1899.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Supt. Primary Department, 1899.
Mrs. A. L. Renshaw,
Supt. Home Dept., 1902.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Charles H. Eggert, Secretary, 1874.
Chas. W. Clewell,
Assistant Secretary, 1889.
W. A. Rex Schultze,
Assistant Secretary, 1901.
Earl Wenhold, Librarian, 1902.
Bertine Reinke,
Assistant Librarian, 1902.
Wm. Zimmermann, Pianist, 1903.
Miss Gertrude L vering.
Organist. Primary Departm't, 1903.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D. D., 1892.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, 1880-84, 1898
Emil J. Bishop, 1885.
Theodore Schwarze, 1903.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Henrietta Detweiler, 1895.
Charles Traeger, 1901.
Miss Mary A. Rice, 1903.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1894-97, 1900.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Eliza Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. A. M. Lennox, 1900.

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Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1890.
Miss Mary Perkins, 1903.
Mrs. Rebecca Canam, 1901.
Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Miss Mary Krause, 1899.
Miss Anna Ritter, 1902.
Mrs. Calender Smith, 1899.
Mrs. S. D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Carrie Herbst, 1900.
Mrs. Elmer Ruth, 1902.
Miss Dora Miller, 1902.
Miss Caroline Frueauff, 1878.
Mrs. Jonathan Reinke, 1900.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Anna Mitchsack, 1897.
Miss Emma Heath, 1903.
Miss Mary Weldon, 1903.
Miss Elizabeth Lynn, 1899.
Miss Florence Shields, 1900
Miss Isabel Turner, 1902
Miss Antoinette Prince, 1902
48 persons.

Officers, West Bethlehem Sunday School.

Rev. Albert Haupert.
Superintendent 1902.
William Smyth,
Supt. Primary Department, 1902,
Fred. H. Wilhelm, Secretary, 1901.
Clayton C. Teter, Treasurer, 1902.
Frank A. Schrader, Librarian, 1901.
Raymond H. Wilhelm,
Assistant Secretary, 1901.
Oliver M. Barres,
Assistant Secretary, 1898.
Edward E. Beitel,
Assistant Secretary, 1903.
William Zimmerman, Organist, 1903.
Miss Hattie Miksch. Organist, 1901.

Teachers, West Bethlehem Sunday School.

Mrs. Robert Smith, 1898.
Miss Nellie Moyer, 1903.
Mrs. William Sterner, 1903.
Miss Cora Doster, 1896.
Miss Elizabeth Cortelyou, 1892.
Miss Jennie Miller, 1903.
Miss Helen Bieber, 1903.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1903.
Miss Hazel Bloss, 1902.
Miss Maggie Sharpe, 1902.
Miss Modesta Doster, 1902.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1899.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1902.
Miss Lizzie Bush, 1898.
Miss Margaret Thomas, 1903
Mrs. Oscar Rauch, 1902.
Paul Jahnke, 1903.
R. Yaeck, 1901.
William Smyth, 1902.
Charles Rominger, 1903.
William Sterner, 1903.
Herbert Johnson, 1901.
William Krebs, 1903.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1886
Edgar Holton, 1903.
Richard Meinert. 1898.
William Hermany, 1903.
Frank Kleckner, 1898.
Clayton C. Teter, 1901.
Charles Albrecht, 1902.
G. Harry Miksch, 1900,
Rev. W. Schwarze, 1903.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Emma Meyers, Supt., 1902.
40 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Chas. H. Wenhold, Jr.,
Superintendent, 1902.
Henry Desh,
Edward Neumeyer.
Associate Secretaries, 1903.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Herbert Cruickshank, Ass't, 1903.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Department, 1887.
Mrs. August Keenest,
Ass't. Supt. Primary Dept., 1889.
Harry Kern, Organist, 1901.

Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Ella Luckenbach, 1890.
Miss Lillian Hoffman, 1896.
Miss Ella Leibert, 1897.
Miss Ella Fries, 1898.
Miss Elizabeth Beidelman, 1898.
Miss Jennie Herbst; 1899.
Miss Ellen L. Ritter, 1899.
Miss Mabel Smawley, 1901.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Bertha Fischer, 1901.
Mrs. Wm. Holderman, 1900.
Miss Mary Kremser, 1902.
Arthur Schultz, 1902.
W. Vivian Moses, 1902.
Robert Shafer, 1902.
George Runner, 1902.
Raymond Sheets, 1902.

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Edward A. Eberman, 1900.
Fred. Kemkes, 1903.
Miss Beulah Hefflinger, 1903.
Miss Charlotte Ruch, 1903.
Miss Nellie Jacoby, 1903.
Miss Sallie Herbst, 1899
32 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Albert G. Rau, 1888,
Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888.
Edward M. Fogel, 1897.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-91, 1895.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Clara A. Frueauff, 1899.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
13 persons.

Persons engaged in Musical Service.

Organists.

J. Frederick Wolle, 1885, Church.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900,
Day School, 1901.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach,
West Bethlehem Chapel, 1892.
Harry E. Kern,
Laurel Street Chapel and
Sunday School, 1901.
William Zimmerman,
West Beth. Sunday School, 1903.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
West Beth. Primary Dept., 1900.
Mrs. Augustus Keenest,
Laurel Street Primary Dept., 1889.
William Zimmerman, Pianist,
Central Sunday School, 1903.
7 persons.

Trombonists.

Ambrose H. Rauch, 1845.
Robert Rau, 1866.
Charles H. Neisser, 1884.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Walter C. Horn, 1900.
Edward Groman, 1903.
J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Fred. Fogel, 1903.
Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
Frank J. Mevers, 1899.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theodore Shields, 1903.
Richard Chapman, 1903.
15 persons.

Orchestra.

Church.

Ambrose H. Rauch, 1845.
Robert Rau, 1866.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
George F. Pettinos, 1887.
A. W. Weingärtner, 1894.
Robert Olpp, 1902.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1895.
J. M. Diefenderfer, 1902.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Arthur Grosch, 1899.
J. George Lehman, 1900.
Alfred Diefenderfer, 1902.
Frank P. Miller, 1902.
Marcel Krieger, 1903.
E. B. Hoffman, 1903
Herman S. Grosch, 1903.
Joseph Barlieb, 1903.
W. H. Wersheiser, 1903.
Jacob Hartzel 1903.
Ezra Doster, 1903.
George Billheimer, 1903.
Edward Groman, 1903.
Albert G. Rau, 1903.
24 persons.

Singers, Church.

Sopranos.

Miss Lucy Brickenstein, 1894.
Miss Caroline Wunderling, 1893.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Florence Shields, 1898.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1902.
Miss Harriet Stem, 1901.
Miss M. Neisser, 1901.
Mrs. Howard Wiegner, 1895.
Miss Annie Becker, 1902.
Miss Florence Quay 1903.

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Altos.

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Miss Marion Levering, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.
Mrs. Fred. Rice, 1903.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Miss Emily Schultze, 1903.
Miss Agnes Schultze, 1900.
Miss Pauline Milchsach, 1902
Miss Florence Prince, 1902.
Miss Mollie Killough, 1903.
Miss Mabel Brunner, 1902.
Miss Hortensia Krause, 1901.
Miss Melinda Prince, 1900.
Miss Gertrude Shields, 1903.

Tenors.

Robert Rau, 1861.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1888.
Charles H. Traeger, 1898.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1899.
Clarence Beckel, 1901.
Wm. Zimmerman, 1902.
Arthur Davis, 1901.
Russell V. Eberman, 1902.
George Bergstresser, 1901.
Otto Hoch, 1902.
J. M. Diefenderfer, 1902.

Basses.

J. Samuel Wolle, 1876.
Emil F. Goth, 1894.
Theodore Shields, 1903.
Howard Wiegner, 1899.
Rev. Wm. Schwartze, 1903.
John H. Traeger, 1900.
Bertine Reinke, 1901.
E. L. Garrahan, 1901.

Singers, West Bethlehem Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Caroline E. Belling, 1891.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1897.
Miss Mary Styers, 1900.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1903.

Altos.

Miss Margaret Thomas, 1902.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1903.

Tenor.

Charles H. Rominger, 1902.

Basses.

Joseph E. Smith, 1902.
Arthur Shultz, 1902.
Paul Jahnke, 1902. 10 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Sarah C. Herbst, 1898.
Miss Annie C. Hirst, 1900.

Alto.

Miss Jennie L. Herbst, 1897.

Tenors.

Edward Metzgar, 1901.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1903.

Basses.

Clarence Metzger, 1902.
Theodore Schwarze, 1903.
7 persons.

Persons in attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Eggert, Head Sacristan, 1892.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
Joseph A. Rice, 1886, Secretary, 1888.
Cornelius W. Krause, 1868.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Theodore Kampman, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
Cornelius J. Gapp, 1902.
Mrs. Caroline Glering, 1884.
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1898.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1898.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1898.
Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, 1896.
Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Andreas Maurer, Lovefeast Helper, 1896.
Mrs. Anna Maria Krause, Assistant.
26 persons.

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Ushers and Collectors, West Bethlehem Chapel.

Fred. V. Constable,
Chairman, 1903.
Charles Hackman,
Secretary, 1903.
Augustus Merkle, 1903.
Herbert Beidleman, 1903.
4 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
Michael Achenbach, 1894.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Otto Hesse, 1897.
Julius Nauman, 1897.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
8 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Bethlehem Chapel.

William Dorn, Chairman, 1896.
Jacob J. Miksch, Secretary, 1891.
Thomas Frederick, Treasurer, 1891.
Francis E. Miller, 1891.
Fred. Goerlich, 1891.
Morris G. Clewell, 1891.
George Breder, 1901.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel.

Alexander W. L. Cruickshank, 1889.
Chairman.
James T. Borhek, Secretary, 1891.
Morris A. Borhek, Treasurer, 1898.
Herbert Herbst, 1889.
Henry J. Yingling, 1889.
Joshua Hunter, 1889. 6 persons

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Fred. J. Rice, Chairman, 1886.
Eugene A. Rau, Secretary, 1888.
James T. Borhek, Treasurer, 1903.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886,
Franklin H. Brunner, 1886,
G. William Riegel, 1890,
Archibald Johnston, 1891,
Franklin S. Schwab, Jr., 1891,
Arthur C. Krause, 1892,
G. Frederick Krause, 1894,
Robert E. de Schweinitz, 1895,
Albert Brodhead, 1896.
George J. Grider, 1896.
G. William Eberman, 1896,
Howard Riegel, 1896.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, Jr., 1897,
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Clinton A. Lear, 1900.
20 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel.

Abraham Benner, 1886.
Franz Gerstner, 1886.
Michael Achenbach, 1886.
Anton Hesse, 1900.
4 persons.

Collectors, Laurel Street Chapel.

Wm. Holteman, 1903.
Edward Neumeyer, 1903.
Herbert Cruickshank, 1903.
Ward Cruickshank, 1903.
Henry Desh, 1903.
Robert Desh, 1903.
Clarence Reichel, 1903.
Arthur Saylor, 1903.
8 persons.

Janitors.

Andreas Maurer, 1896.
Church and Parochial School.
Harry C. Bealer, Old Chapel 1894.
Thomas Frederick, 1888
West Bethlehem Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887.
Laurel Street Chapel.
Edward Steinbach, 1902.
Central S. S. Chapel.
5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries.

Lorenzo Daily, 1882.
David Groman, Assistant, 1878.
2 persons.

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X.—THE NECROLOGY.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Royal Foust Morgan	January 29, 1891	December 2, 1902
Seraphina Charlotte (Wilhelm) Belling	March 20, 1827	January 11, 1903
Margaret Ruth Clymer	April 30, 1902	February 9, "
Edward Montgomery Eberman	July 24, 1834	February 19, "
Frederick Martin	August 16, 1838	March 15, "
Johanna Christiana Stephan	October 5, 1841	March 28, "
George Frederick Freudenberger	September 25, 1883	April 10, "
Annie Mary (Fillman) Canning	August 14, 1883	April 27, "
Fayette (Miller) Witmeyer	August 11, 1883	May 20, "
Pauline May Whitesell Spogen	January 8, 1903	June 19, "
Anna Mary (Ziegler) Walter	January 30, 1820	June 25, "
Maria Amanda (Luckenbach) Seaman	August 11, 1831	July 20, "
George Frederick Yost	March 19, 1866	September 10, "
Elizabeth Angelica (McKinley) Thompson	February 28, 1814	October 1, "
Julia L. Greider	October 6 1824	October 14, "
Catharine (Helt) Laub	November 3, 1825	October 15, "
Alice Sybilla Fayette (Witmeyer) Weiss	December 23, 1858	November 4, "
Minnie (Reichenbach) Myers	March 13, 1868	November 5, "
Mary Helen (Schropp) Leoser	August 25, 1868	November 10, "
Selma Amelia (Berger) Buehler	November 14, 1837	November 14, "
Grace Evelyn Keller	September 8, 1903	November 24, "

Of these 21 persons connected with the congregation, 16 were communicant members, 1 was an older boy, and 4 were children. By the mercy of God, there have been fewer deaths in our membership this year than for many years.

The pastors, however, also officiated at the funerals of 6 other persons, not members, of whom 3 were adults and 3 children.

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Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

(Corrected to the end of December, 1904.)

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; George J. Crist, 1900.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio*; F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary*; George J. Crist, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, ('03–'06); William S. Hermany, ('03–'06); George W. Riegel, ('02–'05); Albert G. Rau, ('02–05); Charles H. Eggert, ('04–'07) James T. Borhek, ('04–'07).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('04–'07); J. Samuel Krause *Treasurer*, ('02–'05); Edward J. Krause, *Secretary*, ('04–'07) Harry J. Meyers, ('02–'05); Joseph M. Leibert, ('04–'05); Aaron B. Levers, ('04–'07); William V. Knauss, ('03–'06); Allen J. Sterner, ('03–'06); Franklin C. Stout, ('03–'06).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio*; F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* George J. Crist, *Member ex officio:* Mathew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('04–'07); Richard W. Leibert, *Treasurer*, ('04–'07); Abraham C. Prince, ('03–'06), William F. Schneller, ('03–'06); Henry A. Krause, ('02-'05); Charles H. Wenhold, ('02–'05).

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ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President*, ('03–'06); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, (1900–'05); Abraham R. Benner, ('02–'07); Matthew J. Schmid, ('03–'08): Harry B. Eggert, ('04–'09).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Charles W. Clewell, J. Samuel Wolle, (all '04–'05).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('04 '05).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL. — Edward J. Krause, ('04–'05).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Handbook, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By Laws, (Handbook, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CHURCH, (consecrated May 12, 1806), corner of Main and Church Streets.

Sunday: 10 30 A. M., Litany and Sermon ; 7.00 P. M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P. M., (Summer.)

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, (consecrated July 10, 1750), rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A. M. Litany and Sermon (German).
Wednesday: 7.30 P. M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, (consecrated February 15, 1858), main School Building, third floor.

School Days : 8.30 A. M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST BETHLEHEM CHAPEL, (consecrated January 27, 1884; enlarged, 1890; re-opened January 25, 1891), corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday : 9.00 A. M. The West Bethlehem Sunday School; 7.00 P. M. Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P. M., (Summer).

Tuesday: 4.15 P. M., Meeting of the West Bethlehem Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.30 P. M., Meeting of the West Bethlehem Y. P. S. C. E.

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V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL (consecrated December 11, 1887; enlarged, 1896; re-opened November 22, 1896), Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9.00 A. M., The Laurel Street Sunday School; 10.30 A. M., Litany and Sermon.

7.00 P. M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P. M., (Summer).

Monday: 4.15 P. M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P. M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y.P.S.C.E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1.45 P. M., The Central Sunday School.

6.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4.15 P. M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pages 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pages 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatary to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P. M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P. M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P. M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P. M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceeding Friday evenings.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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PREFACE.

THE Board of Elders herewith presents to the members of the Moravian Congregation at Bethlehem, Pa., the One Hundred and Sixty-third Annual Report of the work of its various organizations and agencies. The year covers the months December, 1903, to November, 1904, the Societies all closing their accounts at the same time, so as to deal only with the period the financial report of which is submitted to the Church Council early in December of each year.

Each partial report has been condensed as much as possible, retaining only such features as are of permanent value, or such as should be made prominent from time to time for purposes of annual comparison.

It would be well if each member receiving this Report would file it away for reference with the Handbook of the Congregation and other printed information concerning the congregation. Matters are continually coming up which could easily be settled by consultation either of a rule or a report. Any errors which occur in this Report should be promptly noted, in order that corrections may be made, and similar mistakes avoided in another year.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

The year 1904 has been marked by the necessity of calling in the assistance of other ministerial brethren on several occasions, in order to maintain the regularity of services at the various places of worship. Twice was Brother Thaeler placed under quarantine, because of contagious illness in his family, in January, and again in February. And at the end of February Brother Crist was stricken with appendicitis, placing him for a number of weeks entirely apart from all congregational work, an operation being also found necessary. But through the kindness both of ministerial brethren and members of the graduating class of our Theological Seminary, who supplied the pulpits as often as asked, the difficulties of the situations were happily met, and with the exception of the evening services at Laurel Street Chapel, there were but few occasions on which the regular services were not held.

The steadfastness of the congregations themselves worshiping at each of the places of service must be commended, for this has been an encouraging mark of the stability of the purpose of the congregation in all its parts.

During the year there have been many seasons of special interest which were marred by inclement weather, most of the anniversaries and festival days being thus affected, but recognizing the limitations thus imposed by circumstances over which we had no control, we gratefully record of the year that it has been one of very encouraging attendance at worship.

The terrible experiences in Chicago just at the close of the preceding year led the Board of Elders to strictly limit to the seating capacity the number of those admitted to the Church on any occasion, and the sacristans have heartily and actively seconded this wise provision for the safety of all who assemble at times of particular interest.

The installation of a new pipe organ and other improvements in the West Bethlehem Chapel, the cost of which was defrayed

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by voluntary contributions of members on both sides of the Monocacy, was a sign of promise on the West Side, while at Laurel Street the formation and reception of a confirmation class during the Spring showed spiritual vigor also in that part of the congregation.

The total number of accessions to the membership of the Bethlehem Congregation during the year was 99, all gathered in connection with the means of grace found by long experience to be most effective among our people. The Lord has therefore been evidently blessing their use. At the same time we should be ready at any time to follow His indication of any other means He may by His Spirit set before us.

We find below a statement of the number of services held in the Church and Chapels during the year, not including meetings of Sunday Schools and Societies.

In the Central Church, 173; in the Old Chapel, 105; in West Bethlehem Chapel, 45; in Laurel Street Chapel, 72; total, 395. In 93 of these assistance was rendered the pastors by other ministerial or lay brethren.

There were also baptisms and other rites, as follows:—

Infant baptisms,—in the Church, 1; in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; at the homes of parents, 35; total, 37.

Adult baptisms,—in the Church, 1; in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; total, 2.

Confirmations,—in the Church, 55; in West Bethlehem Chapel, 1; in Laurel Street Chapel, 6; at home (sickness) 1; total, 63.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, or from other denominations,—in the Church, 18; in West Bethlehem Chapel, 5; in Laurel Street Chapel, 12; total, 35.

Readmission,—1.

Marriages,—in the church, at the parsonages or at the homes of the parties, 15.

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Funerals,—in the Church, 2; in the Old Chapel, 6; at Laurel Street Chapel, 1; at the late residences, 31; total, 40.

The Holy Communion was administered 15 times in the Central Church, to 2,796 communicants, and at every Communion season there have been those who, sick or shut-in, have partaken of this sacrament at the hands of one or other of the pastors, who always stand ready to administer this comfort of faith to those who can not be present with the congregation in the Church.

II. THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

The development of a congregation in which all parts, and every member, shall both have all the pastoral ministrations possible and also find full scope for effective work for the Lord,—this is the aim of pastoral oversight which is at present being followed. How well it is succeeding must largely be left to the judgment of the Lord Himself and the verdict of a somewhat longer experience. With a view to limit the Spirit in no way, traditional restrictions have to a certain measure been removed from the Chapels, and during the past months the large accession to membership has shown at least the present advisability of this course.

Classes of confirmands have been received at both Laurel Street and West Bethlehem Chapels, the interests of the members of which are naturally centered locally, without any lessening of their loyalty to the congregation at large.

The Chapel Committees have been reorganized, and hereafter each body of attendants at the Chapels will have the opportunity of nominating annually two members for service on each Committee, the appointments being made, as heretofore, by the Board of Elders. If, in conection with the Board of Elders, these Committees act as eyes and ears among the people for the pastors, telling of a visit needed here, of an illness there, of a need of discipline yonder, far more can be accomplished

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than by any three men alone, no matter how well disposed or how desirous of being helpful at all times. In fact, there need be no official limitations in this matter, but all may assist in preserving and developing the truest pastoral relations.

In order that each part of what is actually a very large field may be thoroughly looked after, there has been, by mutual agreement, a division of the ordinary pastoral service, each of the ministerial brethren holding himself ready for any and all service primarily in that section which has been committed to him. At the same time these lines are, like the equator, wholly imaginary, and therefore may be ignored whenever circumstances require. However, any suggestion of faction should be at once rejected, nor should any member allow himself to appear the partisan of one or the other of the pastors, over against any other. In short, the congregation, in all parts of the Bethlehems, is one, served according to the method which has been approving itself as the best, and the strengthening of each part is the strengthening of the whole. To this end let there be the fullest co-operation between all who are associated in the Master's Name and service.

III. THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Out of the Sunday Schools should we of right expect the increase of the congregation. This we hold to be an axiom of modern Church-organization. The Sunday School is the Church at work for the children, ingathering, teaching, training, leading step by step until the mind and heart of each young man and woman is face to face with Jesus Christ the Saviour, and the most important question of all the life, "What will you do with Jesus?" has been answered in a blessed yielding to his invitation of grace.

If we accept this statement as an axiom, let us now consider the application to our own outlook.

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In 1898 the enrollment of the Schools, not including the Home Department, was 1290, with an average attendance of 803. In 1900 the enrollment was 1256, average attendance 781. In 1901 the enrollment was 1147, average attendance 815. In 1903, enrollment 1275, average attendance 679. In 1904, enrollment 999, average attendance 659.

Admitting that figures do not always tell the whole story, there is a serious consideration involved in the statement given above. The fluctuation has been too great. In 1898 the total communicant membership was 1438. To-day it is 1478. But in 1898 the number of children in the congregation was 441. To-day it is 354. The shrinkage has come numerically just where we can least afford it.

What is the matter,—is anything the matter? All the congregation is invited to assist in determining the answer. Many of our members have moved away from town, that is true, as one of the regrettable facts with which we must reckon. Other denominations have entered the field in which we labored alone at one time, that is also true. But they have been growing far more vigorously, and their congregations have increased correspondingly. We are not envious,—but we should also not be blind to the lessons they teach.

One effort inaugurated during the year that has just closed may have, at least let us hope so, the effect of turning the tide. Heretofore we have been almost morbidly careful in the Chapel Sunday Schools to avoid doing anything which emphasized strongly the idea of their being Moravian Sunday Schools. They were, of course, supported and taught by the Moravian Church, but they were operated as Union Schools. We have come to believe that the result has been that when the question of deciding Church-loyalty has been presented, we have been the losers. A detrimental lack is believed to be that of a teaching of denominational loyalty in its legitimate and reasonable sense. Will this contribute toward a change in the situation for the better? Let us pray that it may.

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In what has been said let it be distinctly understood that there is no reflection whatever upon those faithful men and women who week by week give their services for this all-important work of the Church. In fact, there has been a noticeable deepening of determination on the part of many of the teachers and officers to render the most effective and steady service. There have been fewer absentee teachers Sunday by Sunday, for instance. But this whole work of the Sunday Schools is one which also concerns the congregation in its families and homes, and therefore the facts have been laid bare before it in this general Report.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The work of the School has been steadily continued during the past year. There has, however, been a serious reduction in the enrollment, the total being 45 lower than at the last report. The average attendance, on the other hand, shows an increase of one.

Each Wednesday evening a teachers' meeting is conducted, for the study of the lesson for the coming Sunday, in the Old Chapel, after the close of the mid-week service. This is taught by the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, and should be attended by all who teach, both in this School and in the others connected with the congregation.

During the Summer, for the first time, the annual outing was held at a place other than Calypso Island. But the cutting down of all the trees on the Island by the Railroad which has bought it put that picnic ground out of the question. Together with Laurel Street Sunday School the Central spent the day at Oakland Park, on the Bethlehem-Easton road.

Abstract from the Statement of the Secretary and Treasurer:—Scholars, male, 163; female, 255; total, 418. Teachers, male, 8; female, 28; total, 36. Officers, male, 7. Grand total enrollment, male, 178; female 283; total, 461. The average attendance during all the months of the year has been 309.

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The donations have amounted to $254.68, in addition to which $333.28 was contributed toward the expense of the erection of the Chapel. It may be interesting to note that $309.26 was raised by collections in the sessions of the year; $137.27 by the Home Department; and $34.27 in the Christmas collection.

The year's expenses amounted to $602.26.

The Home Department now numbers 139.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The most marked advance of this, the 44th year of the School's activity, lies in the improved character of its teaching force, the beneficial effects of which are felt in every department of the work.

This is reflected especially in a decided improvement in the attendance, which became marked especially towards the close of the year. A forward step which must likewise effect the school for good, has been the change in the character of the monthly meetings of teachers and officers. These meetings are no longer devoted exclusively to routine business, but in large part to a profitable discussion of vital subjects connected with Sunday School work. These meetings have been largely attended and deep interest in them is shown.

An outcome of these discussions was an attempt to have more Bibles brought to the school. This effort has resulted in a doubling of the number formerly brought.

The new pipe organ, supplemented occasionally by orchestral accompaniment, has infused new life into the singing.

It was decided to furnish the teachers with lesson helps for the ensuing year. Another step was taken from which benefit is expected. It was the introduction of a graded course of lessons into the primary department in place of the old international series.

The work of the past two years has in a large measure been that of internal reconstruction. The new year is bright with

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promise. We are looking not only for a deepening of the spiritual life of the school, but are planning also to engage in an aggressive campaign to reach such as are still beyond the range of Bible truth.

Abstract of the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Scholars, male, 101; female, 129; total, 230. Teachers, male. 17; female, 17; total, 34. Officers, male, 9; female, 1; total, 10. Total enrollment, male, 127; female, 147; grand total, 274. Average attendance, 182. The Home Department enrollment remains the same as last year, 47.

The expense of conducting the School was $284.31, and the donations amounted to $241.00.

C.—THE LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The School at the beginning of the year was under the superintendency of Bro. C. H. Wenhold, Jr., who was, after his graduation at the Theological Seminary, called elsewhere. The Summer months found Bro. Robert Shafer acting superintendent; however, in September Bro. W. V. Moses was duly elected superintendent of the school. The work has shown no marked improvement, but there is a steady growth of interest on the part of teachers and scholars which will in time mean much for the school. The library was increased by the addition of a number of new books and a number of the old ones rebound. The money to do this was procured from an ice cream sale which was given by the united efforts of teachers and some of the older scholars. While much in the line of improved methods of work is greatly needed, yet the unity of effort now manifest between officers and teachers promises more thorough work in the future.

Abstract from the Statements of the Secretary and Treasurer: —Scholars, male, 114; female, 120; total, 234. Teachers, male, 8; female, 14; total 22. Officers, male, 5; female, 3; total, 8. Total

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enrollment, male, 127; female, 137; grand total, 264. Average attendance, 168.

Expenses, $117.20; donations, $112.94.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

The subjoined financial report, together with the enrollment of scholars, shows the prosperous condition of the school. This has continued now for some time, and may well be a cause for rejoicing in the congregation. That an excellent education is afforded all the children of our members at very low rates of tuition is a privilege not to be lightly regarded. About two thirds of the attendance is Moravian, but there are still many parents in the congregation who do not make use of the decided advantages which the school affords, for the instruction of their childen under methods in harmony with the ideals of the Church.

There are in the faculty 4 male teachers and 8 female, total 12.

The enrollment of the school at the end of November was: male, 120; female, 118; total, 138. Last June there were graduated: male, 16; female, 11; total, 27.

On November 1st Mr. Edwin M. Fogel left our teaching force, and on the 8th of the same month was succeeded by Mr. Paul Gross, a former student at our Moravian College and Theological Seminary, and later at Yale.

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Abstract from the Report o' the Treasurer.

Receipts and Disbursements of The Moravian Parochial School Board for the Year Ending November 30, 1904.

Balance from last year		$2,315 71
Tuition, from Moravians	$1,245 91	
Tuition, Non-Moravians	3,869 80—	5,115 71
Light and Fuel for heating and lighting		41 00
Miscellaneous:		
From Graduates for invitation cards		48 00
Board of Trustees: Appropriation for 1904		5,035 55
		$12,555 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 396 48	
Miscellaneous Expenses	859 83	
Chemical Laboratory	57 33	
Physical Laboratory	61 10	
Books and Stationery	122 90	
Salaries	8,101 34—	$,9598 98
Balance in Bank, Nov. 30, 1904	420 09	
Balance in hands of Trustees	2,536 90—	2,956 99
		$12,555 97

RICHARD W. LEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

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IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Women's Missionary Society.*

Organized March 8, 1818.

The membership of this Society is the same as last year, the places of those who died having been filled by new members. The enrollment is therefore still 288.

There have been two special meetings, one meeting of the Board, and the anual business meeting. The anniversary service was held, according to custom, on the evening of Whit Sunday, May 22, an excellent address being delivered by the Rev. Howard E. Rondthaler, of the Theological Seminary.

The receipts of the year amounted to $366.15. Of this the collectors gathered $157.80. The anniversary collection added $100.71, and the remainder was interest on investments. Donations to the amount of $301.00 were made during the year, to the following causes: The General Mission Fund, Bluefields (Nicaragua), the Leper Hospital in Surinam, and Bethany, Jamaica.

The officers are:—Mrs. J. T. Borhek, President; Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. E. J. Bishop, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Franklin H. Brunner, Secretary; Mrs. Louisa Meyers, Treasurer; Miss Clara Frueauff, Librarian; Miss Emma Hillman, Miss Mary Ann Rice, Mrs. Caroline Detterer, Miss Belle Doster, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. D. Sensenbach, Mrs. H. C. Tacy, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Emma Walter, Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, Collectors and members of the Board of Managers.

2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The membership of this organization is divided as follows: active, 155; associate, 65; life, 53; a total of 273. There has been a decrease of 14 from last year's standing, and perhaps it is to

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be expected that there will be a shrinkage from time to time. since the effort made several years ago to enroll a large number of merely contributing members secured many who would inevitably drop out after a time. The real missionary spirit has not been less shown during the year, for those charged with the conduct of the affairs of the Society have carefully attended to their duties.

Most of the monthly meetings for the study of missionary work, in connection with the mid-week services. were held, although there might have been greater interest also on the part of the members themselves in the appointed monthly business meetings.

The anniversary address in 1904 was made on the evening of January 17th by the Rev. Joseph H. Romig, M. D., our medical missionary to Alaska, who was in the States on furlough.

From the report of the Treasurer we take the following general facts:

Dues collected amounted to $58.08; collections at business and special meetings brought in $295.33; and the trust funds added $71.50.

Donations were made to twelve different causes, amounting to $358.40.

The officers for the past year were: the Rev. W. N. Schwarze, President; Theo. W. Shields, Vice-President; George Raymond Schmiech, Secretary; Arthur A. Davis, Treasurer. The same officers will continue in service for 1905, with the exception of the Secretary, Herbert W. Heath now serving in that capacity.

3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

An increase of 15 contributors to the Mite Society resulted from the efforts of the Collectors to interest more Church-members in this most convenient method of systematic giving. The dues of 60 cents per annum are payable in amounts most convenient to the contributor, so that every Church member may be

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able to put aside 5 cents a month without feeling it a burden. One stated meeting was held, two collectors resigned, and were replaced by two new ones. The sum of $124.00 was given to the General Mission Treasury.

The officers are: Miss Helen de Schweinitz, President; Miss Mary Krause, Treasurer; Miss Emily L. Meyers, Secretary; Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Belle Doster, Miss Emily Lange, Miss Lucy Brickenstein, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Antoinette Prince, Miss Laura Schwab, Miss Georgie Bishop, and Mrs. Sumter Forney, Additional Collectors.

4.—The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

Each pupil of the School is a member of the Missionary Society, which numbers 238; 121 male, 117 female.

Although the offerings are necessarily small, they resulted in a collection of $35.13, out of which donations were made to the Bohemian Mission, the Alaska work, the Mission among the lepers in Surinam, South Africa, and the Deficit in the General Mission Treasury. Altogether these amounted to $25.50.

The officers are: George D. Bishop, President; Lydia Leibert, Vice-President; Dorothea de Schweinitz, Secretary, and Robert E. Clauder, Treasurer.

5.—The Home Missionary Society.

Founded March 5, 1849; *Organized August* 28, 1849; *Incorporated January* 16, 1865.

Three meetings of the Board of Directors were sufficient during the year to attend to all the business of the Society, which included making the regular appropriations, the consideration of special appeals for assistance, and the arranging for the annual house-to-house collection in behalf of this cause.

The anniversary service was held on the evening of May 29th, the address being delivered by the Rev. Conrad E. Hermstaedt, pastor of the New York German Mission, which has long

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been receiving financial assistance from the society. He presented clearly the reasons for considering such a work in the midst of a great city like New York still a true Home Mission. The annual business meeting, for the election of officers, had been held on the preceding Sunday evening, May 22.

The financial statements show that the canvass of the congregation in May brought into the treasury $355.25: the monthly church and chapel collections, $737.87; the anniversary offering, $72.14; and the invested funds, $134; a total of $1,378.23. The disbursements amounted to $1,303.22.

The following were the officers elected at the last annual meeting:—The Rev. A. D. Thaeler, President; the Rev. F. W. Stengel, Vice-President; Augustus H. Leibert, Recording Secretary; Edward C. Roest, Corresponding Secretary; the Rev. H. A. Jacobson, Treasurer; Harry B. Eggert, Henry A. Krause, Henry B. Schneller, Simon Rau, O. A. Clewell, F. H. Brunner, Directors.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Missionary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; *organized November* 28, 1888.

The annual business meeting of this Society was held after the evening service in the Church on February 14th, and on this occasion the officers were elected.

The important work of collecting the offerings for the Alaska Mission from the members of the congregation was again successfully attended to during the month of October, the sum of $522.65 being gathered at that time. The New Year's Eve collection was $65.56.

A summary of the collections made by the Society during the 16 years it has been in existence is appended, as being of considerable general interest.

House-to-house collections, $8,317.89;; New Year collections, $855.90; offerings at the annual meetings (8 years), $516.04; proceeds of lectures, $408.32; a total of $10,098.15. The average house-to-house collection has been $520, and the average New Year's Eve collection, $53.50.

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Officers:—J. D. Bishop, President; F. H. Brunner, Vice-President; Charles W. Clewell, Secretary; C. O. Brunner, Treasurer. Directors:—The Pastors, ex-officio; Charles H. Eggert, Frank I. Klinker, Theodore Kampman, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Miss Emily Meyers, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Lynn.

7.—Missionary Givers of the West Side.

Among the special enterprises of the year, the movement on the West Side, towards the direct support of a missionary representative, should be noted.

German East Africa was decided upon as a field especially ripe for the harvest, and after the membership had been thoroughly canvassed, and a little over $200.00 subscribed per annum, the Mission Board was asked to appoint some missionary already in the field to act as our representative. Brother Augustus Seibt, who had just been called to the Unyamwesi Province was assigned to this circle. It will be its endeavor to keep in close touch with him by frequent correspondence. A letter descriptive of his journey to the field, has been received and several copies made, which are being circulated amongst those interested. To be able to assume full responsibility for this missionary it will be necessary to raise about $425.00. Many who have not pledged definite amounts are contributing towards this cause each month, and others to whom this cause may appeal will be welcomed into the circle.

Contributions are handed to Bro. Emil Bishop, the Treasurer, or deposited in the collection plates at any of the places of worship in envelopes furnished for this purpose.

Bro. Henry J. Hartman, 130 First Ave., West Side, is corresponding Secretary. This movement, whilst begun on the West Side, has crossed the Monocacy and has supporters in the congregation at large.

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B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Ladies' Sewing Society.*

Organized January 28, 1869.

During the past year the usual amount of faithful work, and even more, has been done by the active members of this Society, although their number has been reduced by five. Eight members have been lost: three by death, two by removal from town, and three have dropped out, while only three have joined the organization.

The Annual Sale was held April 9th, and was even more successful than usual, the ladies having contributed most liberally, and most of the articles found a ready sale.

The Society was able to send Christmas gifts, in money, to 13 of our Home Missionaries, and five surplices were again presented to brethren entering the ministry, these donations together amounting to $273.95. The number of active members being so small, too much of the work falls on the few faithful ones, and it is much to be desired that a more general interest shall be taken in this society by the ladies of the congregation.

There are 20 active, and 16 honorary, members, the latter contributing each $1.00 a year. Officers:—Mrs. F. H. Huth, President; Mrs. L. F. Leibfried, Vice-President; Mrs. O. de Schweinitz, Secretary; Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp, Treasurer.

2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

Organized October 9, 1881.

The membership of this Circle, meeting, like the Sewing Society, on Wednesday afternoon, is slightly larger than last year, being now 10, with an honorary membership of 5. During the year $46.28 was received.

A reception was tendered the graduating class of the Theological Seminary in June, which was a very pleasant occasion, becoming a function which adds much to the interest of the Com-

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mencement season at that institution, for which the Circle works. The Leader of the organization is Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

The membership is now 13 active, and 12 honorary. The attendance at the semi-monthly meetings of the Society shows that the work is being carried on with the zeal and steadiness characteristic of past years.

The proceeds of the annual fair furnished the regular donations of fifty dollars each to the Theological Seminary, the Alaska Mission, and Home Missions, and with the proceeds of the Christmas Sale as many Home Missionaries as possible were remembered with Christmas gifts of ten dollars. Thirteen gifts of this kind were made in the year that has closed. The receipts for the year amounted to $485.25.

Officers:—Mrs. R. Paul Stout, President; Miss Alice Prince, Vice-President; Mrs. A. G. Connelly, Treasurer; Miss Emily L. Meyers, Secretary.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized October, 1893.

There are twenty members in this Society, one member having departed this life.

Eight meetings, the usual number, were held at homes of members.

Two boxes containing clothing, household goods and groceries were sent to Home Missionaries during the year, amounting in value, together with the check accompanying, to $310.00.

Officers:—Mrs. Edward Jacobson, President; Mrs. E. A. Rau, Treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Krause, Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Joseph A. Rice, Recording Secretary.

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5.—*The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.*

Organized April 2, 1903.

This Society has now entered upon the second year of its existence, and is fulfilling the promise of usefulness with which it began its work.

It is very much appreciated as an efficient aid to the work of the Chapel. It was found advisable to change the name of "The Sewing Society" to "Aid Society," inasmuch as the latter name is more indicative of its wider sphere of usefulness.

Besides serving to encourage the spirit of sociability among the attendants of the Chapel, it has rendered financial aid in various ways.

In April a bread, cake and fancy article sale was held. The ladies of the society have equipped the Chapel with things needful for social gatherings, and twice during the year they tendered a reception to those who worship and work here.

For local causes the Society contributed $37.26; towards missions, $5.00; and to a missionary, a surplice, the materials being valued at $5.90.

During the year the Vice-President, Mrs. Cordelia Whetford, departed this life.

The officers are: President, Mrs. Albert Doster; Vice-President, Miss Sarah Jacoby; Treasurer, Miss Belle Doster; Secretary, Mrs. Charles R. Rauch.

The membership has remained the same as last year.

6.—*Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.*

Organized October, 1903.

The Society during the past year has shown a marked interest in local needs. Members have gathered twice a month at the home of the President, and sewed various articles which were sold, and proceeds placed in treasury. A supper was given at which $104.00 was realized. The idea of raising money by these various means is to enable the Society to supply such

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needs as are not ordinarily met. It has done much in the line of fostering a deeper interest in the Chapel's work, and has filled a need in the congregation's life which before its organization was deeply felt. The unity of effort and harmony of spirit are marked features of this Society's life.

Officers:—Mrs. Ottelia V. Borhek, President; Mrs. Emma Crist, First Vice-President; Mrs. James Yeakel, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Hattie A. Clewell, Secretary and Treasurer.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. *First Circles formed in* 1887.

This Union of all the forces working under the common name in the congregation now has a membership of 348, of which eight members are King's Sons. The number of Circles is 25, under 19 leaders.

The Executive Board is composed of all the leaders, together with a representative of each Circle which has a majority of members over 21 years of age. This Board meets every other month, on the last Monday of the month.

The Nurse Committee, composed of the pastors' wives, arranges for the services of the nurse, Miss Jean Skinner, who, during the year was called to minister to 22 patients, and has been on duty 233 days.

The financial statement of the Treasurer shows that the reported gifts were devoted to the Theological Seminary, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Local Charities and the Nurse Fund, amounting to $767.28. There is a balance in the treasury of $605.01.

At the annual business meeting of the entire Union, held on the evening of November 28th, a portrait of Miss Barbara Schmiech, the organizer of the first Circle, in 1887, was presented to the Union by members of that first ten.

The following officers were also elected on that occasion: Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, President; Mrs. A. C. Prince,

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Mrs. Eugene Rau, and Mrs. Edward C. Roest, Vice-Presidents; Miss Annie Becker, Recording Secretary; Miss Alice Shelly, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Susan Milchsach, Treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, Mrs. F. W. Stengel, Mrs. G. J. Crist, Nurse Committee.

D.—THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

1.—West Side Young People's.

Organized June 15, 1888.

Membership, 28 active; 20 female, and 8 male. Honorary membership, 6. A comparison with last year's report shows a marked increase of active members. Despite the fact that a number of the members of last year were dismissed into the active service of the church at large, a net gain of 8 members is reported. Nor has this been the only line along which energetic work has been done. Increased activity was shown by all the committees. The missionary committee continued the plan adopted last year, that of devoting one evening a month to each of the various mission fields of our Church. At these meetings well prepared papers were read by various members of the Society. Three of the regular meetings of the year were devoted to a study of the catechism on Moravian Church history. The meetings were well attended, and a good spirit has characterized the work throughout.

The 2-cent-a-week-plan, supplemented by collections at the missionary meetings, brought $28.10 into the mission treasury. In addition to this, $$22.61 has been raised and disbursed for expenses and causes other than missionary.

The retiring officers of the Society were: President, Mr. Gerhard C. Brennecke; Vice-President, Miss Mary J. Styers; Recording Secretary, Miss Florence Sharpe; Corresponding Secretary Miss Harriet G. Miksch; Treasurer, Mr. Charles H. Rominger.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President,

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Charles H. Rominger; Vice-President, Miss Harriet G. Miksch; Recording Secretary, Miss Ella Stern; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet G. Miksch; Treasurer, Arthur Butzin.

B.—*West Side Junior Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

This Society continues to meet each Tuesday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock. Mrs. Henry J. Hartmann has assumed the duties of Superintendent, and, with the assistance of several members of the older society, is doing efficient work.

Parents may do much to help this excellent work, and at the same time benefit their own children, by sending them to the meetings of the Society.

At the close of the year there were on the rolls 55 members, 40 girls and 15 boys.

The expenditure was $5.75, part being given to missionary causes.

The officers for the year were:—Alfred Dougherty, President; Helen Baeler, Vice-President; Katie Brader, Secretary; Geneva Morgan, Treasurer.

The following are the names of those who assist Mrs. Hartmann:—Miss Mary J. Steyers, Miss Hattie G. Miksch, Miss Marguerite Eberman, Mr. Charles Rominger, Mr. G. C. Brennecke, Mr. W. C. Krebs, Mr. R. E. Shafer.

3.—*Central Young People's.*

Organized January 30, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

We can this year report an increased membership, and a very decided progress in active interest in all that concerns the work which rightly belongs to an organization of young people. There are 6 male and 13 female members in the active enrollment, a total of 19; with 4 persons connected with the Society by honorary membership. The Tenth Legion, of those who devote one-tenth of their entire income to the Lord's work counts 5 members here.

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The average attendance at the Sunday evening meetings during the year has been very much better than during 1903. Particularly since last Summer all the members have shown a larger individual interest in the Society, hence more work was done, and the outlook is very good. The meetings being free from formality, and filled with a natural and warm sociability, not a few others outside the actual membership have been in the habit of attending and participating.

With a balance of $9.03 from last year, the collections have brought in $23.24, and the disbursements have been: $16.00 to Foreign Mission causes, and $12.49 for miscellaneous expenses, including Christian work nearer home.

Officers:—Mr. George Schneller, President; Miss Clara Bishop, Vice-President; Miss Martha Bishop, Recording Secretary; Mr. Edwin E. Reinke, Treasurer; Miss Emma Bade, Corresponding Secretary.

4.—Central Junior.

Organized April 7, 1892.

Though great care is taken to keep the Society free from careless membership, there has been a healthy growth numerically during the year. There are now 41 boys and girls enrolled, and the meetings, held directly after school each Tuesday afternoon, have been a real test of devotion, but one successfully met.

This year the members have been divided into "reds" and "blues," each side competing for the honor of showing the better attendance. Each child wears one of these colors, and at each meeting the red ribbons and the blue are counted, to decide which side is victorious.

The two faithful assistants, Mr. Richard Williams and Mr. Edwin J. Heath, having been graduated from the Seminary into the active service of the Church, a farewell social was held in their honor during the month of June.

The Superintendent is Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, and the assistants are Mr. Theodor Peper and Mr. Arthur Shultz of the Moravian College.

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Among the children themselves the organization is as follows:—Henry Smyth, President; Isabel Canam, Vice-President; Nola Van Horne, Secretary; Florence Haupert, Treasurer.

For the Foreign Mission work and for local charity the donations were $6.68.

5.—*Laurel Street Young People's.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

There are 12 male and 8 female active members, with 15 honorary. A noteworthy fact is that during the year three of the members of this Society entered the service of the Church in the ministerial office, Mr. Richard Williams, Mr. Charles Albrecht, and Miss Elizabeth Beidelman, the last named as Mr. Albrecht's bride. On February 19 the Society was addressed by Dr. Romig, medical missionary to Alaska. A special meeting for the honorary members was held on September 30.

The Friday evening meetings continue their quiet work of training to natural testimony and deeper application to the Christian life.

Foreign Missions received $6.00 from the Society during the year. The work among the Indians in California was helped by the members presenting the Indians under the care of Bro. Staveley with 65 Christmas gifts. The young ladies organized themselves into a sewing society, to sew for the Missionaries among the Indians. The work of the Flower and Visiting Committee has been highly appreciated. General expenses, $13.29.

Officers:—Mr. Robert Shafer, President; Mr. George Runner, Vice-President; Miss Beulah Heffelfinger, Recording Secretary; Miss Ellen Ritter, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Ward Cruickshank, Treasurer.

6.—*Laurel Street Juniors.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

The membership at present is 51, there being 39 girls and 12 boys. The average attendance is 41. The meetings are held on Monday afternoons, at a quarter after four o'clock.

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The Juniors have been very busy during the year in many ways. They gave a reception to the parents, which proved a very happy occasion to all present. At one of their entertainments groceries amounting to $5.00 were brought by the children and distributed among some of the needy of our town. The children remembered the sick with flowers, and three very useful books were presented to Bro. Albrecht, who had been a faithful worker in the Society for three years, and left to enter the active service of the ministry. One joint meeting was held with the Senior Society and two memory meetings, at which times every part of the service was conducted without the aid of hymn books or Bibles. Part of each meeting was given to the study of verses of Scripture and the names of the books of the Bible and various hymns.

During the year two Juniors have been transferred to the Senior Society, 15 were lost by removals and one by death.

The interest in Missions has been continued, donations amounting to $6.00 were made the Bluefields work, the Hospital at Leh in Tibet, and to the Alaska Mission. Local charity called for $5.00; other causes $4.72, and the Society's expenses $3.11.

The officers are:—Mrs. George J. Crist, Superintendent; Miss Annie Hirst, Miss Estella Jones, and Mr. Paul Jahnke, Assistants; Helen Nonemacher, President; Grace Bartholds, Secretary; Clarence Yingling, Treasurer.

E.—THE YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE.

Organized March 16, 1902.

During the Spring Mr. Charles Traeger, who had been President both of the David Nitschmann Union and the Young Men's League which sprang out of the former organization, found it necessary to resign his office, to the regret of all the members. The election of new officers took place on the 28th of April. At the same meeting it was resolved to close the rooms to the

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membership for sufficient time to effect a complete renovation of the interior of the building. The cost of this was materially lessened by the work done by the members themselves each evening. The reopening of the rooms seemed to give the League a new impetus, and the membership began to increase, until at the end of the year there were 106 enrolled. The dues were reduced from 50 cents a month to 25 cents a month, and measures were taken to secure the use of the Parochial School play-ground during the Summer vacation, for those athletically inclined.

On the evening of the 4th of July a large company of friends assembled at the same place to join in a pyrotechnic celebration of the day. Later, during the Fall months, the League had a well organized foot-ball team, which played a number of games with other elevens.

The work of holding together the young men of the congregation and community for mutual helpfulness is one of the most important concerns of wise Christian leaders, and therefore the help and support of the congregation and its members during the months that have passed are heartily appreciated.

This is an organization into which every young man of the congregation should enter with pride and the desire to make it effective for the greatest good,—for its possibilities are almost unlimited.

The disbursements by the House Fund during the year amounted to $413.36, beside which three other funds are held for particular purposes.

Officers:—Rev. A. D. Thaeler, President; A. F. Murray, Vice-President; Frank C. Gapp, Secretary; Clarence H. Reichel, Treasurer; F. W. Wilhelm, Fifth Member of the Executive Committee; A. G. Rau, J. M. Leibert, F. I. Klinker, Auditors; Howard L. Fatzinger, Ch. House Committee; Herbert W. Campbell, Ch. Athletic Committee; William Ache, Ch. Entertainment Committee; A. F. Murray, Ch. Photographic Department.

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VII.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1 Total Money Disbursed during the year December 1st, 1903, to November 30th, 1904, by the congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregation work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$29,261.13
Contributed to all objects apart from congregation work	14,663.21
Total	$43,924.34

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$15,092.68	
" Land Rents	982.53	
" House Rents	1,719.77	$17,794.98
Contributions of Members		3,672.48
Total Receipts		$21,467.46
Excess of Disbursements		250.89
		$21,718.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 739.04	
Repairs to Productive Property	1,067.01	
General Expenses	1,230.64	$3,036.69
Donations		500.00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	5,035.55	
Repairs and Furniture	371.79	5,407.34
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Revenue	1,200.00	
Archive Expenses	57.25	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard	174.49	
Repairs to Church Buildings	288.88	
Repairs to Parsonages	1,391.22	
Appropriation to Sunday-schools	675.00	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	8,987.48	12,774.32
		$21,718.35

J. S. KRAUSE, Treasurer.

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3. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects, and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $233.66; Sunday-school, $80.00,)	$ 313.66
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $188.26; Sunday-school, $30.00; Societies, $55.00,)	273.26
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $580.98; Sunday-school, $116.00; Societies, $467.35,)	1,164.33
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $687.94; Sunday-school, $10.00; Societies, $105.00,)	802.94
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Sunday-schools, $9.68; Societies, $314.50,)	324.18
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $1388.05; Sunday-school, $75.00; Societies, $203.58,)	1666.63
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, (Collections, $122.47,)	122.47
Home Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $159.15; Societies, $733.95)	893.10
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $274.44; Sunday-school, $115.00; Societies, $137.10,)	535.12
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Donations)	6,472.00
All other causes, (Sunday-schools, $35.00; Societies, $4.72; Donations, $15.00)	54.72
Total for Enterprises of the Moravian Church,	$12,622.41
General Christian objects, (Collections, $173.74; Sunday-school, $47.94; Societies, $32.70,)	254.38
Provincial Revenue, (Church Dues, $1,200.00,)	1200.00
Congregation purposes, (not including $3869.80, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections, church dues and special efforts,)	7,673.31
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$21,750.10

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4. Contributions of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 500.00
Derived by Societies from invested legacies,	86.32
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels,	14,076.89
Total	$14,663.21

5. Total Money Disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1904, exclusive of Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of congregation,	$18,045.87
Appropriated from income of Almoners,	258.57
Appropriated from income of invested legacies of Societies,	86.32
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels,	21,663.78
Parochial School dues of non-Moravians,	3,869.80
Total from Income and Contributions	$43,924.34

While these figures are sufficient in themselves to set before the members of the congregation the sources of income and the distribution of gifts, yet a few words of comparison and commendation will not be out of place.

Naturally table No. 3 is of the most interest and importance to the general membership, for this shows what is the liberality of the congregation as individuals. It is unnecessary to call attention to the slight fluctuations in the separate items year by year, for all are supposed to have the annual reports in hand, and can institute comparisons for themselves. However, we notice two large items, "Donations for the increase of the Sustentation Fund" and "Congregation purposes." The former has been a handsome representation of the congregation, but it is to be remembered that if the gifts comprising this amount be

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analyzed, they will be found to have come from only 41 individuals out of the whole membership. This is a fact of which the rank and file of the membership dare not be overly proud!

But in the second item, which includes the special effort made in behalf of the new pipe organ and other improvements in the West Side Chapel, there are to be found the contributions of many individuals. The Parochial School dues of non-Moravians, usually heretofore included in this item, have been otherwise credited, under table No. 5, since this is not a contribution of the congregation at all, strictly speaking.

Placing the year's figures, therefore, alongside last year's was see that there has been an increase of liberality once more, to the amount of more than three thousand dollars, largely in view of the agitation set on foot in behalf of the Sustentation Fund.

Taking the whole communicant membership as the basis, the per capita contribution for all causes is $14.71; and for all causes outside our congregational work, $9.45; both exclusive of all appropriations from funds.

The number of persons paying Church Dues is 1150.

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VIII.—THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1904.

Church Members.	Totals, November 30, 1903.	Increase during 1904.						Decrease during 1904.				Totals, November 30, 1904.
		Adults Baptized.	Confirmed. Moravian.	Confirmed. Non-Morav'n.	Received. Moravian.	Received. Non-Morav'n.	Readmitted.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
A—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	610	0	25	5	3	8	0	11	0	10	10	620
Females	852	2	25	7	9	14	1	22	0	14	16	858
												1478
B—Non-Communicants Over 13 Years, viz.;		Transferred from Children.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	85	9			0			0	23	0	1	70
Females	67	11			0			0	24	0	1	53
												123
C—Children, viz.:		Baptized.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Non Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	161	13			11			0	9	2	8	166
Females	189	15			4			2	11	1	6	188
												354
Grand Totals	1964											1955

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		*Non-Resident.*		*Souls.*		
	Males.	*Females.*	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non-Resident.*	*Total.*
Married Couples	295	295	21	21	590	42	632
Married Men	43		17		43	17	60
Married Women		86		41	86	41	127
Widowers	39		1		39	1	40
Widows		116		18	116	18	134
Single Men	168		27		168	27	195
Single Women		250		17	250	17	267
Older Boys	9		0		9	0	9
Older Girls		14		0	14	0	14
Total Communicants	554	761	66	97	1315	163	1478

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	554	761	1315
Non-Resident Communicants	66	97	163
Total Communicants	620	858	1478

NON-COMMUNICANTS.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Single Men	13		13
Single Women		5	5
Older Boys	57		57
Older Girls		48	48
Total Non-Communicants	70	53	123

CHILDREN.

	Males.	*Females*	*Total.*
Resident	148	166	314
Non-Resident	18	22	40
Total Children	166	188	354

GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

	Males	*Females*	*Total.*
Resident	772	980	1752
Non-Resident	84	119	203
	856	1099	1955

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Married People	376	443	819
Widowers	40	.....	40
Widows	.....	134	134
Single Men	208	.....	208
Single Women	.....	272	272
Older Boys	66	.....	66
Older Girls	.....	62	62
Children	166	188	354
Grand Total Membership	856	1099	1955

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IX.—A REGISTER

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1904.

(Handbook, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Joseph A. Rice, President, 1899.
Edward J. Krause, Secretary, 1890.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. Wm. Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
Charles H. Eggert, 1878.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
James T. Borbek, 1901.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
Edward J. Krause, 1889.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
9 persons.

The School Board.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. Wm. Stengel, 1901.
George J. Crist, 1900.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Richard W. Leibert, 1858-'60, '82.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Charles W. Clewell, 1894.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1895,
3 persons.

Persons engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

Albert G. Rau, Superintendent, 1896.
Frank I. Klinker, Assistant Superintendent, 1899.
Mrs. M. H. Shields, Supt. Primary Department, 1899.
Mrs. A. L. Renshaw, Supt. Home Dept., 1902.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Charles H. Eggert, Secretary, 1874.
Chas. W. Clewell, Assistant Secretary, 1889.
W. A. Rex Schultze, Assistant Secretary, 1901.
Earl Wenhold, Librarian, 1902.
Edwin E. Reinke, Assistant Librarian, 1904.
Miss Violet Straub, Pianist, 1904.
Miss Marion Levering, Organist. Primary Departm't, 1904.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D. D., 1892.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, 1880-84, 1898
Emil J. Bishop, 1885.
Theodore Schwarze, 1903.
Bertine Reinke, 1904.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Henrietta Detweiler, 1895.
Miss Mary A. Rice, 1903.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1894-97, 1900.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Eliza Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. A. M. Lennox, 1900.

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Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Miss Mary Krause, 1899.
Miss Anna Ritter, 1902.
Mrs. S. D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Carrie Herbst, 1900.
Miss Dora Miller, 1902.
Miss Clara Frueauff, 1878.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Anna Milchsack, 1897.
Miss Florence Shields, 1900
Miss Isabel Turner, 1902
Miss Antoinette Prince, 1902
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Miss Clara Bishop, 1904.
Miss Georgie Bishop, 1904.

41 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Rev. Albert Haupert,
Superintendent 1902.
Rev. Henry J. Hartman,
Ass't Supt. 1904.
William E. Smyth,
Supt. Primary Department, 1902,
Mrs. Emma Meyers,
Supt. of the Home Department, 1902.
Fred. H. Wilhelm, Secretary, 1898.
Oliver M. Barres,
Assistant Secretary, 1898.
Edward E. Beitel,
Assistant Secretary, 1903.
Arthur A. Davis,
Assistant Secretary, 1904.
Raymond H. Wilhelm,
Treasurer, 1904.
Augustus W. Schmich,
Librarian, 1904.
Paul H. Bishop,
Assistant Librarian, 1904.
Theodore W. Pepper, Organist, 1904.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch, Organist of the Primary Department, 1901.

Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Hazel D. Bloss, 1902.
Gerhard C. Brennecke, 1900.
Miss Lizzie Bush, 1898.
Miss M. Elizabeth Cortelyou, 1892.
Miss Cora E. Doster, 1897.
Miss Modesta H. Doster, 1901.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1903.
Mrs. Henry J. Hartman, 1904.
Philip Herman, Jr., 1904.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Miss Ada M. High, 1904.
Edgar Holton, 1902.
Paul C. Jahnke, 1903.
Herbert B. Johnson, 1901.
Thomas B. Kellow, 1904.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1898.
William C. Krebs, 1902.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1886
Miss Harriet G. Miksch, 1900
Miss Jennie H. Miller, 1903.
Miss Nellie Moyer, 1904.
Theodor W. Peper, 1904.
Mrs. Oscar Rauch, 1902.
Charles H. Rominger, 1903.
Miss Margaret Sharpe, 1902.
Edward Stemple, 1904.
Miss Ella E. Stern, 1904.
William A. Sterner, 1903.
Mrs. William A. Sterner, 1903.
Miss Mary J. Steyers, 1899.
C. Clayton Teter, 1901.
Miss Margaret Thomas, 1903
Miss Ella Wohlbach, 1904.
Reinbold H. Yaeck, 1901.
Henry J. Hartman.

46 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

W. Vivian Moses,
Superintendent, 1904.
Henry D. Desh,
Edward Neumeyer,
Secretaries, 1903.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Herbst, 1896,
Herbert Cruickshank, 1903,
Librarians.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Department, 1887.
Mrs. Wm. Holderman,
Ass't. Supt. Primary Dept., 1904.
Harry Kern, Organist, 1901.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Organist Primary Dept., 1904.

Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Helen Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Mary Kremser, 1902.
Miss Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Miss Ella Leibert, 1897.
Miss Ella Fries, 1898.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Sallie Herbst, 1903
Miss Ellen L. Ritter, 1899.
Miss Mabel Smawley, 1901.
Miss Helen Ruch, 1904.
Miss Lucy Fries, 1904.
Miss Beulah Heffelfinger, 1903.
Mrs. Tilghman Quier, 1904.

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The Rev. G. J. Crist, 1904.
Arthur Francke, 1904.
Robert Shafer, 1902.
Arthur Schultz, 1902.
P. E. Schwarze, 1904.
George Runner, 1902.
Arthur Butzin, 1904.
Edward A. Eberman, 1900.
32 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Albert G. Rau, 1888,
Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888.
Paul E. Gross, 1904.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-91, 1895.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Clara A. Frueauff, 1899.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
13 persons.

Persons engaged in Musical Service.

Organists.

J. Frederick Wolle, 1885, Church.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900,
Day School, 1901.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach,
West Side Chapel, 1892.
Harry E. Kern,
Laurel Street Chapel and
Sunday School, 1901.
Theodor Peper,
West Side Sunday School, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
West Side Primary Dept., 1900.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Laurel Street Primary Dept., 1904.
Miss Violet Straub, Pianist,
Central Sunday School, 1904.
7 persons.

Trombonists.

Ambrose H. Rauch, 1845.
Robert Rau, 1866.
Charles H. Neisser, 1884.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Howard Koch, 1904.
Charles L. Mitman, 1904
Edward Groman, 1903.
J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
Frank J. Meyers, 1899.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theophilus Shields, 1903.
Richard Chapman, 1903.
14 persons.

Orchestra.

Church.

Robert Rau, 1866.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
George F. Pettinos, 1887.
A. W. Weingärtner, 1894.
Robert Olpp, 1902.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1895.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Arthur Grosch, 1899.
J. George Lehman, 1900.
Miss Callie Myers, 1904.
Miss M. O. Erdman, 1904.
Frank P. Miller, 1902.
Marcel Krieger. 1903.
E. B. Hoffman, 1903.
Herman S. Grosch, 1903.
C. H. Sefing, 1904.
Harry E. Kern, 1904.
Edward Groman. 1903.
Albert G. Rau, 1903
24 persons.

Singers, Church.

Sopranos.

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Caroline Wunderling, 1893.
Miss Lucy Brickenstein, 1894.
Mrs. Howard Wiegner, 1895.
Miss Florence Shields, 1898.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Miss M. Neisser, 1901.
Miss Annie Becker, 1902.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1902.
Miss Harriet Stem, 1901.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Carrie Herbst, 1904.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Eliza Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Mollie Killough, 1903.

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Altos.

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Miss Agnes Schultze, 1900.
Miss Melinda Prince, 1900.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.
Miss Hortensia Krause, 1901.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Miss Florence Prince, 1902.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902
Miss Gertrude Shields, 1903.
Miss Mabel Brunner, 1902.
Miss Emily Schultze, 1903.
Mrs. Fred. Rice, 1903.
Miss Marion Levering, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Miss Louise B. Gapp, 1904.
Miss Helen Shields, 1901.

Tenors.

Robert Rau, 1861.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1888.
Charles H. Traeger, 1898.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1899.
Clarence Beckel, 1901.
Arthur Davis, 1901.
Wm. Zimmerman, 1902.
Russell V. K. Eberman, 1902.
Charles Knauss, 1904.

Basses.

J. Samuel Wolle, 1876.
Emil F. Goth, 1894.
Bertine Reinke, 1901.
Howard Wiegner, 1899.
Rev. Wm. Schwartze, 19
Theo. Shields, 1903.
Thomas W. Thomas, 1904.
C. Theodore Schwarze, 1904.
55 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Caroline E. Belling, 1891.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1897.
Miss Mary Styers, 1900.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1904.
Miss Lettie Schrader, 1904.

Altos.

Miss Margaret Thomas, 1902.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1903.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1903.
Miss Florence Haupert, 1904.

Tenors.

Charles H. Rominger, 1902.
Erwin J. Bruch, 1904.

Basses.

Joseph E. Smith, 1902.
William Krebs, 1904. 13 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Sarah C. Herbst, 1898.
Miss Helen Huettig, 1904.
Miss Margaret Matz, 1904.
Miss Lucy Fries, 1904.

Altos.

Miss Annie C. Hirst, 1900.
Miss Laura Belling, 1904.

Basses.

George Runner, 1904.
Robert Schafer, 1904.
Edmund Schwarze, 1904. 9 persons.

Persons in attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Eggert, Head Sacristan, 1892.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1896.
Joseph A. Rice, 1886, Secretary, 1888.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Theodore Kampman, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884.
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1898.
Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, 1898.
Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Andreas Maurer, Lovefeast Helper, 1896.
25 persons.

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Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel.

Fred. V. Constable, Chairman, 1903.
Charles Hackman, Secretary, 1903.
Franklin Miksch, 1904.
William Miksch, 1904.
4 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
Michael Achenbach, 1894.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Julius Nauman, 1897.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel.

James T. Borhek, 1891, Chairman.
Henry B. Schneller, 1904, Secretary and Treasurer.
Herbert Herbst, 1889.
Joshua Hunter, 1889.
Henry J. Yingling, 1889.
William Halteman, 1904,
Rev. G. J. Crist, member *ex officio.*

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel.

William S. Hermany, Chairman, 1904–'05.
Joseph E. Smith, Secretary, 1904–'05.
Charles F. Schwartz, Treasurer, 1904–'07.
Alfred E. Degelow, 1904–'06.
William M. Constable, 1904–'07.
Henry J. Hartmann, 1904–'06.
Rev. F. W. Stengel, member *ex officio.*

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Fred. J. Rice, Chairman, 1886.
Eugene A. Rau, Secretary, 1886.
James T. Borhek, Treasurer, 1903.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886,
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
G. William Riegel, 1890,
Archibald Johnston, 1891,
Franklin S. Schwab, Jr., 1891,
Arthur C. Krause, 1892,
G. Frederick Krause, 1894,
Robert E. deSchweinitz, 1895,
Albert Brodhead, 1896.
F. E. Schneller, 1904.
G. William Eberman, 1896,
Howard Riegel, 1896.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
George G. Schneller, 1904.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
20 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel.

Abraham Benner, 1886.
Franz Gerstner, 1886.
Michael Achenbach, 1886.
Anton Hesse, 1900.
4 persons.

Collectors, Laurel Street Chapel.

Wm. Halteman, 1903.
Glenmore Mease, 1904.
Herbert Cruickshank, 1903.
Ward Cruickshank, 1903.
Henry Desh, 1903.
Robert Desh, 1903.
Clarence Reichel, 1903.
Arthur Saylor, 1903.
8 persons

Janitors.

Andreas Maurer, 1896, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Edward Steinbach, 1902, Assistant.
Thomas Frederick, 1888 West Bethlehem Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887. Laurel Street Chapel.
Jacob T. Albright, Congregation Office.
5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries.

Lorenzo Daily, 1882.
David Groman, Assistant, 1878.
2 persons.

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X.—THE NECROLOGY.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Martha McClellan (Hutchinson) Krause,	October 24, 1876	December 6, 1903
Anna Elizabeth Neisser,	November 2, 1832	January 1, 1904
Robert William Warnick,	April 9, 1874	January 12, "
Emma I. Pearson,	July 16, 1861	January 18, "
Esther Elizabeth Myers,	August 22, 1902	February 12, "
Adelaide Elizabeth Cortelyou,	January 16, 1837	February 10, "
Henrietta Christiana Busse,	December 24, 1838	February 21, "
Herman Otto Burkhardt,	September 1, 1824	March 1, "
Catharine (Schmid) Martin,	June 26, 1816	March 14, "
Gertrude (Vill) Gugatsch,	February 4, 1836	March 17, "
Elizabeth (Yohe) Andress,	July 27, 1825	March 22, "
Cornelius William Krause,	July 15, 1837	April 2, "
Frances Irene Frederick,	May 25, 1899	April 8, "
Moritz Alexander Reichel,	November 27, 1833	April 12, "
Sophia Louisa (Lehman) Huebner,	January 30, 1838	April 22, "
Robert George Beidelman,	May 3, 1881	May 4, "
Anna Maria (Neisser) Krause,	November 2, 1832	May 28, "
Sarah Eliza (Krause) Schneller,	September 27, 1820	June 3, "
Laura Elizabeth Barnitz (Bleck) Clauder,	September 19, 1837	July 12, "
Keturah (Transue) Smith,	July 12, 1848	July 22, "
Jacob Bussinger,	September 16, 1839	July 27, "
Angelica Wilhelmina (Reichel) Warman,	June 18, 1825	August 3, "
Mary J. (Fries) Jones,	August 3, 1864	August 12, "
Charles Edward Herlikofer,	May 24, 1863	August 17, "
Caroline Adelia (Busse) Rau,	March 10, 1845	August 24, "
Joseph Matthias Leibert,	February 28, 1837	September 1, "
Milton Shive,	June 14, 1860	September 18, "
Hannah Martha (Gapp) Smith,	April 8, 1878	September 19, "
Edward Zelotes Rock,	March 17, 1838	September 27, "
Cordelia (Pharo) Whetford,	December 29, 1859	October 4, "
George Dallas Meyer,	July 22, 1849	November 6, "
Amenia Rebecca (Yeager) Yohe,	December 16, 1851	November 15, "
Cornelia Amanda (Witmeyer) Deemer,	June 30, 1831	November 18, "
Elizabeth (Stingelin) Bussinger,	August 3, 1833	November 22, "
Araminta Lucretia (Hower) Harwi,	August 30, 1823	November 28, "

Of these 35 persons connected with the congregation, 33 were communicants, and 2 were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of 8 other persons, not connected with the congregation.

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Preface.

THE following pages contain the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation, presented by the Board of Elders.

The period covered is the year December 1, 1904, to November 30, 1905, all the organizations of the congregation giving statements dealing with those months.

The permanent value of such a report lies in its containing in as condensed form as possible the facts which set forth the work of all the Societies and other organizations comprising the working force of the congregation, so as to enable the reader to compare the activity of any year with that of another. Brevity has therefore been one of the aims of this compilation.

Each member will find it profitable to file the Report away for future reference, after a first thorough reading. It will serve to answer many questions of importance from time to time.

Errors which have crept into any part will be gladly corrected, if the attention of the Board is drawn to the same.

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THE MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

(Corrected to the end of December, 1905.)

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, ('03-'06); William S. Hermany, ('03-'06); Charles H. Eggert, ('04-'07); James T. Borhek, ('04-'07); George W. Riegel, ('05-'08); Albert G. Rau, ('05-'08).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President,* ('04-'07); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President,* ('03-'06); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer,* ('05-'08); Edward J. Krause, *Secretary,* ('04-'07); Harry J. Meyers, ('05-'08); Joseph M. Leibert, ('05-'08); Aaron B. Levers, ('04-'07); William V. Knauss, ('03-'06); Allen J. Sterner, ('03-'06).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary,* ('04-'07); Richard W. Leibert, *Treasurer,* ('04-'07); Abraham C. Prince, ('03-'06); William F. Schneller, ('03-'06); Henry A. Krause, ('05-'08); Charles H. Wenhold, ('05-'08).

ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President,* ('03-'06); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer,* ('05-'10); Abraham R. Benner,

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('02-'07); Matthew J. Schmid, ('03-'08); Harry B. Eggert, ('04-'09).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, J. Samuel Wolle, Augustus H. Leibert, (all '05-'06).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('05-'06).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('05-'06).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Handbook, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Handbook, pp. 21, 56, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7.00 P.M., Evening service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7.30 P.M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8.30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

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Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Monday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1.45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
6.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E. (Summer, 6.45 P.M.)

Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pages 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pages 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

The year under review has not been marred by interruptions of an unfortunate character, in respect to the maintenance of the regularity of services, and the continuity of the other means of grace.

In preparation for the celebration of the centennial of the Central Church structure, the congregation has, however, put itself to the inconvenience of vacating the building for five months, in order to allow of its complete renovation. During this time, from the end of June until the beginning of December, the Central congregation worshipped in the Sunday School Chapel, where all the services could be held as usual, with the exception of the lovefeasts and celebrations of the Lord's Supper. The lack of facilities for the observance of these was regrettable, but after the temporary interruption their worth and blessing became the more deeply appreciated by the membership.

During the exceedingly hot weather of the past Summer the Board of Elders deemed it wise to suspend the mid-week services held in the Old Chapel for a month, at the time when the natural discomforts of oppressive weather and the absence from home of many of the most loyal families reduce, at any rate, the attendance at these meetings to the minimum. The resumption of this part of the work was with increased vigor.

During the months of absence from the Church itself the regular Church choir was not in service, but on several occasions the Sunday evening service was of a choral character, arousing deep interest on the part of the whole congregation, and showing how highly esteemed is the rich song-treasury of the Church. The days which would otherwise have been Communion seasons were particularly thus marked. In September Bro. J. Fred Wolle, for twenty years the director of the choir and the enthusiastic and wise guide of the congregation into a love for all that is best in the music connected with worship, left for California, under leave of absence, to assume the chair of music in the University of California. Until a definite decision is received from him as to

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his permanent acceptance of this new work, Bro. Albert G. Rau has consented to assume the responsibilities of the position which would otherwise have been left critically vacant. It is not an easy matter to find a musician who can fill the position involved.

During the year there have been frequent opportunities to hear other voices in our pulpits, the recurring anniversaries and the monthly missionary meetings arranged for by the Young Men's Missionary Society in the main providing occasion for this healthy variety.

The congregations gathered week by week in the services of the sanctuary have been very encouraging, although inevitably affected for the time by the enforced exclusion from the Church-building. The total number of accessions to the congregation during 1905 was 73 communicants, 6 non-communicants, and 32 children. The losses in membership have also, however, been severe. See Section VIII of this Report.

Apart from the meetings of the various Sunday Schools and Societies using the buildings, the following services were held in the Church (including the Sunday School Chapel) and Chapels during the year: In the Central Church, 163; in the Old Chapel, 102; in the West Side Chapel, 45; in Laurel Street Chapel, 82; total, 392.

There were also baptisms and other rites, as follows:

Infant baptisms—in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; in the College Chapel, 1; at the homes of the parents, 29; total, 31.

Adult baptisms—in the Church, 1; in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; total, 2.

Confirmations—in the Church, 38; in Laurel Street Chapel, 5; total, 43.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, or from other denominations, 21.

Marriages—at Laurel Street Chapel, 1, at the West Side Chapel, 1, at the parsonages or in other homes, 12; total, 14.

Funerals—in the Old Chapel, 6; in the West Side Chapel,1; at the late residences, 27; total, 34.

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On account of the repairs being made in the Central Church, and the necessity of holding all services in the Sunday School Chapel, the Communions were omitted during that period. During the year, therefore, there have been only three occasions for the German Communion service, and four for the English, 295 persons partaking in the former, and 1761 in the latter; a total of 2056.

At each season there have also been those who have partaken of this sacrament at the hands of the pastors in their own homes, being prevented by sickness from meeting with the whole congregation.

II.—THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

What was said last year in connection with this part of the Report is again to be emphasized as earnestly as possible, namely: that the aim of the plan of pastoral oversight which is being carefully followed is the development of a congregation in which all parts, and every member, shall both have all the pastoral ministrations possible and also find full scope for most effective work for the Lord.

Even though there are three ministerial brethren charged with the care of the congregation, it should be remembered that the field is a very large one, covering all the Bethlehems and their vicinity. The plan which has been approving itself of late years has been the assignment to each pastor of that section of territory nearest to the place of worship which he regularly serves, as the part for which he is primarily most responsible. Otherwise, however, the whole congregation is the field of each of the brethren.

The development of the Chapel interests has continued steadily, with decided increase in the Sunday Schools, the legitimate entering of advanced lines of work by the Committees of Oversight, and the reception of another class of confirmands (at Laurel Street).

In the Fall, Bro. George J. Crist received and accepted an appointment to the congregation at Indianapolis, Indiana, and Bro.

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M. E. Kemper succeeded to his position as second assistant pastor of the Bethlehem congregation, entering upon his duties on October 8th.

The prompt and cordial co-operation of all the membership is asked by the pastors. For instance, information given one or the other of cases of sickness or other opportunity or need for pastoral attention will be greatly appreciated.

III.—THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From the reports of the three Sunday Schools connected with the congregation let us gather a few totals. We do this the more happily because for the first time in a number of years there has been an increase instead of a falling off in the numbers reported.

We have 403 male scholars, 537 female scholars, 33 male teachers and officers and 60 female officers and teachers, 1033 persons in all, connected with the regular Sunday work of the three schools, and an average attendance of 714.

Add to these figures a Home Department of 214 members, and we have the grand total, 1247. It is with very great encouragement and satisfaction that we read these facts, for in last year's Report it had become necessary to draw attention to the lamentable fact that year by year we were losing steadily just where we could least afford any decrease, among the young people of the Church.

But now a brief analysis. The Central Sunday School still shows a shrinkage in the enrollment of 12. Laurel Street has gained 13 over last year. But the West Side has brought in 53 more! Right here is to be found the turn of the tide to which we have just alluded. But how did this come about? It did not "come about." Every one of those 53 new scholars came about through the prosecution of a thorough and systematic canvass of the whole field in which that school is operating. The previous two

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years had been a period of internal reconstruction preparatory to the advanced work which both superintendent and teachers saw was necessary, and then followed the campaign of aggressive work. Those 53 were children outside all Sunday School affiliation! Now that school is seeking an enlargement of the space at its command, for the better work which its vigor and health makes possible. *That is the way to make growth "come about."*

Is there no possibility of doing the same kind of work in connection with all parts of the great Sunday School organization entrusted to us? Is it not just the kind of missionary work which we can all do? If we look to the natural increase which comes to us through families traditionally connected with our own communion, we may expect nothing else than the same tale of woe year by year,—"We have fewer children among us than a year ago." But if we believe that we have the Gospel for every child and every young man or woman in the Bethlehems unconnected with some other Church or Sunday School because unsaved, we should be eager to carry that message to every such soul, and create for it the opportunity of faith and obedience.

In conclusion, let us once more declare the experience of a century of Church-life: *the growth of a Church comes from the young people in its Sunday Schools.*

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

During the Summer the school held its picnic at Bellewood Park, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, going by train. In addition to the actual membership of the school many friends accompanied the excursion, and, the day being a delightful one, the experiment was voted an entire success.

In September, when Bro. Albert G. Rau, who had for many years been the faithful and energetic superintendent, was appointed to the charge of the music of the congregation in Bro. Wolle's absence, he found it necessary to be relieved of the duties of superintendent. Bro. Howard E. Rondthaler, resident professor of the Theological Seminary, consented to act in his place, and

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the change was effected. The teachers' association stands ready to give backing to any effort to increase the efficiency of the school.

The Fall months have shown a far better average of attendance than the earlier seasons, and the outlook is promising.

An interesting and happy feature introduced last Christmas, and likely to become an annual feature of the season, was the bringing of cash gifts by each class, at the hour of the concert celebration, each class determining which cause shall be the recipient of its contribution. The joy accompanying the institution of this custom again emphasized the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 170; female, 242; total, 412. Teachers and officers, male, 13; female, 24; total, 37. Total enrollment, 449. Average attendance, 300. The Home Department at present numbers 125. Mrs. James Yeakel, Superintendent.

The expenses of the school have amounted to $293.08; and the donations made by the school, $285.25.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

During the past year the school suffered a severe loss in the removal from town of Bro. A. Haupert, who, since 1902, had been its untiring and efficient Superintendent. Bro. H. J. Hartman, the assistant superintendent, assumed charge for a time. Later Bro. Edward Stempel was elected assistant superintendent and as such conducted the school until October, when Bro. Paul Gross was appointed superintendent.

It is gratifying to note that the year has been marked by a large increase in the number of scholars enrolled. There has been a net gain of 92. Of this number 50 were added to the School proper and 42 to the Home Department.

This increase was in a large measure due to a thorough canvass undertaken early in the year in pursuance of plans which were spoken of in connection with last year's report.

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For some time past a need has been making itself felt for better facilities for the work of the adult male and female Bible classes. Separate class rooms have become an urgent necessity. The removal of these classes from the main department would in addition provide space, which is badly needed, for the expansion of the intermediate department. Such class rooms can readily be provided in the basement. We hope that before very long these rooms may become a reality.

The following is an abstract from the reports of the secretary and treasurer:

Scholars, male, 125; female, 155; total, 280. Teachers, male, 17; female, 22; total, 39. Officers, male, 8; female, 1; total, 9. Total enrollment, male, 150; female, 178; grand total, 328.

Average attendance, 230. Home Department, 89.

It is but fair to note that the large discrepancy between enrollment and attendance is, in a measure, due to the fact that many of our scholars are connected with other churches whose schools are held during the summer at the same time as our own.

The sum of $167.53 was devoted to school expenses, and $165.00 was contributed to various denominational and other causes.

C.—THE LAUREL STREET SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The School, under the superintendency of Bro. W. V. Moses, has shown some advancement. The attendance is encouraging and satisfactory. Marked interest is shown in the healthy emulation of scholars in regular attendance. The yearly average attendance has increased. The co-operation on the part of teachers has also improved considerably. The monthly meeting of teachers has been used in part for discussion of vital Sunday School questions, and deep interest is manifested. The great need is to make more prominent the spiritual element in teaching.

Abstract from the statements of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 108; female, 140; total, 248; gain 14. Teachers, male, 9; female, 12; total, 21. Officers, male, 5; female, 3; total, 8. Total enrollment, male, 122; female, 155. Grand total, 277. Average attendance, 184.

Expenses, $153.64. Donations, $155.00.

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II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

As shown by the subjoined statement, the past year has been another very prosperous one for the Parochial School.

The new gymnasium, now approaching completion, is a mark of the real and hearty interest that the old pupils of the school are taking in the growth of the institution, and tells better than in words that the apparent growth is real and substantial.

There were 27 graduates this year, 16 male and 11 female. Fourteen of these young men and women left our school to go to other institutions for higher training.

Enrollment of the school: scholars, male, 131; female, 122; total, 253.

Teachers, male, 4; female, 9; total, 13.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts and disbursements of the School Board for the year ending November 30, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$ 2,956 99
Tuition, from Moravians	$1,061 00	
Tuition, Non-Moravians	4,261 40	5,322 40
Board of Trustees: Appropriation for 1905.		5,000 60
		$13,279 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and fuel	$ 383 30	
Miscellaneous Expenses	801 05	
Chemical Laboratory	20 33	
Physical Laboratory	42 07	
Books and Stationery	127 81	
Salaries	8,175 00	9,549 56
Balance in Bank, Nov. 30, 1905.	592 93	
Balance in hands of Trustees	3,137 50	3,730 43
		$13,279 99

RICHARD W. LEIBERT, Treasurer.

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IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

This oldest of all missionary organizations in the congregation shows no diminution of vigor because of its age, reporting a membership of 305, and a year of constant and effective activity.

Three special meetings, one Board meeting and the annual business meeting were all well attended. The anniversary service on the evening of Whit-Sunday, June 11, was addressed by Bishop J. M. Levering. During the Summer a box of clothing, reading matter, toys, etc., was sent to our missionaries in Labrador. In the early part of March the Society gave a reception to Bishop J. T. Hamilton, who had just arrived in Bethlehem, on his way to Alaska for an official visitation. This was largely attended by members of the congregation.

Four members of the Society entered into rest during the year, among them being the Treasurer, Mrs. Louisa Meyers, who had served in that capacity for twelve years most faithfully.

The collectors gathered $152.00 during the year, the anniversary collection added $52.65, and interest on investments $42.00 more, a total of receipts, $246.65. Donations amounting to $175.00 were made, to the General Mission Fund, the work of Bro. G. R. Heath in Trinidad, and the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem.

The following are the names of the officers: Mrs. Caroline Detterer, President; Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. J. T. Borhek, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Emil J. Bishop, Treasurer; Mrs. F. H. Brunner, Secretary; Miss Clara Frueauff, Librarian; Miss Isabella Doster, Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. David Groman, Miss Emma Hillman, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Miss Mary A. Rice, Mrs. D. Sensenbach, Mrs. H. C. Tacy, Mrs. James Yeakel, Collectors, and members of the Board of Managers.

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2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7. 1840.

The membership of this organization now numbers 273; active members, 157; associate, 63; life, 53. The total number of members is the same as last year, several names having been withdrawn during the year and an equal number added. In view of the fact that there had been for the two previous years considerable shrinkage in membership, the showing this year is very encouraging. The Society is holding its own. Six business meetings were held. It is a pleasure to record increased interest on the part of the members in these meetings.

Of the special monthly public meetings as many were held as the circumstances would allow in connection with the mid-week services of the congregation. Owing to conditions beyond our control, the number of these meetings was less than last year, hence, also, money collected in this way did not nearly equal the amount raised by means of regular and special meetings last year.

The anniversary address was made on the evening of January 15th, by the Rev. John W. Conklin, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

From the Treasurer's report we draw the following facts:

Dues collected amounted to $85.30; collections at special and business meetings brought in $161.91, while the investments yielded $73.25.

Donations were made to various causes, amounting to $200.00. Nearly $50.00 remains in the treasury awaiting appropriation.

The officers for the past year were: the Rev. W. N. Schwarze, President; Theo. W. Shields, Vice-President; Herbert Heath, Secretary; Arthur A. Davis, Treasurer.

3.—*The Mite Society.*

Organized in 1878.

This society has usually been devoting itself to the support of the General Mission Treasury, collecting from month to month the small amount, five cents, asked from each member, and it is

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pleasing that again it can report a successful year. There are now 191 names on the roll of membership, 171 being women, and 20 men. Several who have been regular givers were lost by death.

Two stated meetings were held, at which the attendance was very good. The sum of $124 was given to the General Mission Treasury.

The officers are: Miss Helen de Schweinitz, President; Miss Mary Krause, Treasurer; Miss Antoinette Prince, Secretary; Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Belle Doster, Miss Emily Lange, Miss Lucy Brickenstein, Miss Laura Schwab, Miss Georgie Bishop, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Alice Prince and Mrs. Sumter Forney, additional Collectors.

4.—The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

With the increase or decrease on the register of the school varies the membership of this society, for the school itself *is* the society. It now numbers: 131 male, 122 female; total 253.

From the monthly collections during the year the sum of $25.70 has been apportioned among several mission causes, such as the Alaska Mission and the work among the lepers.

The officers are: George Bishop, President; Louise Eggert, Vice President; Dorothea de Schweinitz, Secretary; Robert Krause, Treasurer.

5.—The Home Missionary Society.

Founded March 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 186.

The Board of Directors meets from time to time during the course of the year, to consider and to make the regular appropriations, to act on special appeals for assistance, and to arrange in the Spring for the annual gathering from house to house of the offerings of the membership of the congregation. Only two such meetings were necessary during the past months.

The anniversary of the Society was observed on the evening of Trinity Sunday, June 18th, and Bro. William Strohmeier, pastor

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of the Moravian congregation in South Bethlehem, was invited to deliver the address, because of his former intimate knowledge of home missionary conditions in the West.

The annual business meeting, for the election of officers, was held at the close of the Sunday evening service in the Central Church, May 28.

The contributions received through the canvass of the congregation during the month of May continues to be heavily increased by the monthly collections in the Church and Chapels. The quota of the congregation for Home Missions, partly supplied by the annual offerings for that particular cause, is always made up from the accumulated monies in the treasury of this Society, as is also the quota for the District Board of Church Extension.

The financial statements present the following facts of interest: The canvass in May brought in $506.11; the monthly collections, $697.31; the offering at the anniversary service, $65.71 and the offering for the District Board of Church Extension, $70.02. The total of expenditures was $1,398.99.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: The Rev. A. D. Thaeler, President; the Rev. F. W. Stengel, Vice-President; Augustus H. Leibert, Recording Secretary; Edward C. Roest, Corresponding Secretary; the Rev. H. A. Jacobson, Treasurer; H. B. Eggert, H. A. Krause, H. B. Schneller, C. J. Gapp, O. A. Clewell, F. H. Brunner, Directors.

6.—The Alaska Auxiliary Missionary Society.

Founded April 16, 1884; *organized November* 28, 1888.

The work of this Society is similar to that of the Home Missionary Society in part, in that it has in charge the collection of the annual offerings of the congregation for the Alaska Mission. This is done by means of a corps of collectors, who visit each home during the month of October, and receive whatever sum each member of the congregation may desire to apply to this work.

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The annual business meeting of the Society was held after the Church evening service of February 12th, at which time the officers were elected.

The amount collected by the October canvass was $487.46; and the offering at the New Year's Eve service, $73.93; a total of $561.39.

The officers for the current year are: J. D. Bishop, President; F. H. Brunner, Vice-President; Charles W. Clewell, Secretary; C. O. Brunner, Treasurer.

Directors: The Pastors, *ex officio;* Charles H. Eggert, Frank I. Klinker, Theodore Kampmann, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. A. J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach; Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Elizabeth Cortelyou.

7.—*West Side Mission Forward Movement.*

A full year has passed since the effort towards the direct support of a missionary to represent the Moravians of the West Side, Bethlehem, in the Foreign Field was launched. During the year $266.75 was collected.

Of this amount $199.95 was contributed by fifty-eight monthly contributors, whose contributions ranged from ten cents to $2.00 per month. The Ladies' Aid Society added $15.00 to this amount. The collections at the two missionary meetings amounted to $41.80, and the Chapel Committee brought the total up to $266.75 by a contribution of $10.00 out of its fund.

The net sum of $250.00 was applied toward the support of our missionary.

Bro. Augustus Seibt, who had been sent out a short time before by our Mission Board at Herrnhut, was assigned to us. He is stationed at Kilimani-Urambo in German East Africa.

Two very interesting letters from him have served to acquaint us somewhat with our representatives and with their work.

Twice during the year special mission meetings were held. On the first occasion Brother John Romig gave us two splendid missionary addresses. And recently we had Bishop Hamilton of

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the Mission Board with us, who lectured on the work in German East Africa and gave us a good insight into that field.

Officers: Henry J. Hartman, Secretary; Emil J. Bishop, Treasurer.

Monthly envelopes are furnished to all who wish to participate in this effort.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The membership of this organization, meeting week by week to sew for the benefit of our Home Missionaries, is now 24 active, with 14 honorary, each of the latter assisting financially to at least the amount of $1.00.

Donations amounting to $275.00 were made to a number of home missionaries.

Officers: Mrs. F. H. Huth, President; Mrs. Levin Leibfried, Vice-President; Mrs. O. de Schweinitz, Secretary; Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp, Treasurer.

2.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

Continuing to meet on Wednesday afternoons, this organization, working for the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, now numbers 11, with an average attendance at the meeting of 6, and an honorary membership of 4. The College received a donation of $200.00 during the year.

Leader: Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

This, another of the organizations formed in the congregation to set at work in the interests of the Church busy minds and fingers, has a slightly larger membership than last year, 15 active, and 11 honorary. From the proceeds of the annual Fair dona-

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tions of $50.00 each were made to the Theological Seminary, Home Missions, and the work in Alaska, while Christmas gifts of $10.00 each were sent to a number of our home missionaries. Nine such reminders of Christian fellowship were sent this year. In addition, one home mission church was supplied with hymn-books, in cordial response to the desire of that congregation to enter more fully into Moravian service and usage.

The receipts of the year amounted to $424.98.

The officers are: Mrs. R. Paul Stout, President; Miss Alice Prince, Vice-President; Mrs. Albert G. Connelly, Treasurer; Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Secretary.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized October, 1893.

Twenty-one ladies constitute this organization, which has been such a blessing to many a home missionary's household. The making up and purchasing of household articles and clothing for each of the members of a home missionary family is a work of love which continues throughout the year, and happy is that family which becomes the recipient of the gifts of this Society.

Eight meetings were held at the homes of the members, and one box was sent out during the year, full of things for the comfort and good cheer of those laboring for the Master in distant places. Together with the accompanying check, the value of this gift was $350.00.

Officers: Mrs. Edward Jacobson, President; Mrs. Eugene A. Rau, Treasurer; Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Joseph A. Rice, Recording Secretary.

5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

This society has during the year under review proven itself true to its name, rendering valuable aid in the work of the chapel. The twenty-one ladies who form its membership are always ready to do with their might what their hands find to do.

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At the social meeting which followed the annual business meeting in November, they served coffee and cake, adding thereby not a little to the sociability of the evening. In May a bread and cake sale was held. A contribution of $35.00 was made to Home and Foreign Missions. In addition to this $17.63 was disbursed.

The meetings of the society are held on Thursday afternoons in the homes of the members. A very hearty invitation is extended to all the ladies who are interested in the chapel to avail themselves of this channel of usefulness.

The officers are: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster, 1903; Vice-President, Mrs. O. E. Groman, 1905; Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Bishop, 1905; Treasurer, Miss Belle Doster, 1903.

6.—Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

The Society has met regularly every two weeks, for the transaction of business and for sewing. A number of quilts have been made and presented to the Theological Seminary, amounting in money value to $10.00. Besides these donations, $10.00 was donated to the Mission Deficit. A home missionary received $25.00 and another minister received a similar amount. There was given to the work at the chapel $25.00, making a total of $95.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. James T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. James Yeakel.

7.—The West Side Juvenile Workers.

Organized Sept. 30, 1905.

The object of this organization is to teach girls to sew, and to interest them in helping those who are less fortunate than themselves.

In connection with this a number of the older girls and boys have been formed into a children's choir, with a view to develop

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voices for the regular choir. This choir sang very acceptably in connection with a recent Sunday evening service and will continue to sing from time to time.

The meetings are held every Saturday afternoon, from 2.30 to 4 o'clock. The first part of the meeting is devoted to singing practice.

At present there are enrolled 50 boys and girls ranging from 8 to 16 years of age.

The officers are: President, Miss Sarah Jacoby; Secretary, Mrs. James Beidelman; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Schwartz; Choir Leader, Miss Virginia Huebner; Organist, Mrs. A. Schmich; Finance Committee, Mrs. Marcus Fetter, Mrs. Emma Davis, Mrs. Eugene Brunner, Mrs. Emma Meyers and Miss Mary Luckenbach.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. *First Circles formed in* 1887.

Aside from the general work of the Union, namely, supporting a trained nurse whose services may be directed to the care of the needy sick or infirm, the Union has this year again found not a little other work to unite the energies of the many who are thus enrolled as children of a King whose glory is in His love. Among these activities may be mentioned: the Moravian College was furnished with thirty rugs for the bed-rooms of the students; three barrels of bandages were forwarded to the leper hospital in Surinam, together with old muslin, absorbent cotton and a bandage roller; ministers' families were supplied with household linen by individual Circles; others made games and collected bright patches for the natives in Alaska; or sent text-cards and comfort-bags to the Home for Incurables; or furnished the Nurse's supply closet with many useful articles, such as crutches, cooking utensils, old linen, infants' clothing, etc.; or

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remembered a number of needy families during the Christmas season.

23 Circles comprise the union, with a total membership of 352.

The gifts of the King's Daughters, as reported, amounted to $351.38, distributed between the Theological Seminary, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, local charities and general Christian objects.

The Permanent Nurse Fund now amounts to $1750.

The following officers were elected at the annual business meeting November 23, on which occasion Mrs. H. S. Hoffman, State Secretary of the Order, was the speaker:

Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, President; Mrs A. C. Prince, Mrs. Eugene Rau and Mrs. Edward C. Roest, Vice-Presidents; Miss Susan Milchsack, Treasurer; Miss Annie Becker, Recording Secretary; Miss Alice Shelly, Corresponding Secretary.

Nurse Committee: Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, Mrs. F. W. Stengel, Mrs. M. E. Kemper.

As a matter of information and reference, the names of the Circles and their leaders are appended:

	Leaders.	Year of Organization
Helpers' Circle	Mrs. O. de Schweinitz,	1887
Watchful Circle	Mrs. Eugene Rau	1887
Whatsoever Circle	Mrs. J. M. Levering	1887
Lend a Hand Circle	Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz	1889
Countess Benigna Circle	Mrs. J. M. Levering	1892
Thoughtful Circle	Miss Marie Hesse	1897
Opportunity Circle	Mrs. A. C. Prince	1894
Bethany Circle	Mrs. E. C. Roest	1894
Loyal Circle	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler	1894
Anna Nitschman Circle	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler	1894
Clover Leaf Circle	Miss Eliza Luckenbach	1894
Steadfast Circle	Mrs. Howard Rondthaler	1895
Pansy Circle	Mrs. Geo. O. Heath	1896

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Forget-me-not Circle	Mrs. Caroline Detterer	1897
Mizpah Circle	Miss Helen de Schweinitz	1898
Golden Rule Circle	Mrs. H. A. Jacobson	1898
Dorcas Circle	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler	1899
Faithful Workers Circle	Miss Marie Hesse	1901
Heartsease Circle	Mrs. A. L. Renshaw	1902
Ever Willing Circle	Mrs. F. W. Stengel	1902
His Own Circle	Mrs. Wm. Schwarze	1902
Emergency Circle	Mrs. James Borhek	1904
Sunshine Circle	Mrs. F. W. Stengel	1905

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

Organized November 24, 1905.

During the year just closed a consolidation of the several Christian Endeavor Societies in the Moravian congregations in the Bethlehems has been effected, namely, the three Young People's Societies in the Bethlehem Congregation and that in the South Bethlehem Congregation. For some time it had been deemed a desirable move, and finally, at the instance of the Central Society, representatives from the four organizations were called together to draw up a basis of union. This meeting took place in the Central Sunday School Chapel on the evening of November 24th. After a joint prayer-meeting, in a business session a constitution was proposed and adopted. It provides for four union services each year, to be held in the meeting-places of the several Societies in rotation. The name chosen is that given above.

The object, as stated by the constitution, is "to bring the Moravian young people of the Bethlehems into closer fraternal relationship, in accordance with the tenets of the Unitas Fratrum, thus uniting them more firmly for the service of Christ and the Church."

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THE SOCIETIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

1.—West Side Young People's.

Organized June 15, 1888.

This society has an active membership of 35, 12 male, and 23 female; with 13 honorary members.

The past year has been one of encouragement. There has been a fair gain in the rolls of membership; the meetings have been well attended, and good interest has been shown in every phase of activity throughout the year. The society received a certificate of honor from the United Society for efficient work.

Special effort has been made this year to bring as much variety as possible into the meetings, and to add to their interest by means of special music. The missionary meetings have been a constant source of inspiration. The list of topics on Moravian Missions was substituted for the general missionary topics suggested by the United Society. The sum of fifty dollars was pledged toward Bro. Weinland's salary, and of this twenty dollars has already been paid. The treasurer's report shows that $43.00 has been given to Missions, and $18.82 expended for the general needs of the society.

The officers for the current year are: Charles H. Rominger, President; Miss Hazel D. Bloss, Vice-President; Miss Harriet G. Miksch, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lillian Sharpe, Recording Secretary; Julius Stockman, Treasurer; Mrs. H. J. Hartmann, Supt. Junior Work.

2.—West Side Junior Society.

Organized April 9, 1892; *disbanded October*, 1893; *reorganized February* 21, 1896.

Mrs. Henry J. Hartmann has again been in charge of this important work during the past year. There is an enrollment of 49 boys and girls, of whom 14 are associate.

In addition to inculcating the lessons suggested in connection with the weekly topics, the children are trained to memorize scripture verses and hymns. One very successful social was held.

Faithful assistance has been rendered by the helpers, Miss

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Mary Steyers, Miss Harriet Miksch, Miss M. Eberman, Charles H. Rominger and Gerhard Brennecke.

Officers: Alfred Dougherty, President; Ellen Schupp, Secretary; Geneva Morgan, Treasurer. Five dollars was disbursed for Missions and other causes during the year, and the society has assumed the obligation of raising ten dollars toward the support of the Christian Endeavor missionary representative, Bro. Wm. Weinland.

3.—Central Young People's.

Organized January 30, 1889; *reorganized April* 29, 1902.

It is very pleasing again to be able to report a decided increase in the membership, for there are now 16 male and 14 female members, a total of 30. In addition, there are 8 honorary members. The meetings are held each Sunday evening, before the regular church service, and not a few outside the actual membership have been attending and participating. Good work has been done in the society in the matter of enrolling Comrades of the Quiet Hour and members of the Tenth Legion, (a band of systematic and proportionate givers). In the former 11 names have been enrolled, and in the latter 16. The committees have been doing exceptionally good work during the year, and the business meetings are full of vigor. The Society had a delegate at the Baltimore Convention. At Christmas time it is the custom of the society to send a card of greetings, with a scripture verse, to each of the shut-in members of the congregation. Half of the pledge of $50.00 has already been paid toward the support of the C. E. missionary, Bro. Weinland, in California. Other causes received $7.00, while the expenses of the society amounted to $16.75.

Officers at the end of November: Edward Stempel, President; Miss Clara Bishop, Vice-President; Miss Bessie Eddinger, Recording Secretary; Miss Martha Bishop, Corresponding Secretary; Robert Oerter, Treasurer.

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4.—*Central Junior.*

Organized April 7, 1892.

The membership of this Junior Society remains at the same figure as last year, 41, this number including 27 girls and 14 boys. The average attendance at the meetings has been 33. By invitation of the Juniors at Emmaus, our society made the trip over to that town for a meeting with them. Later they made a return visit to us. On both of these occasions refreshments added to the enjoyment of the young people. One joint meeting with the older Young People's Society was held, and two public missionary meetings of our own, one addressed by Mrs. H. E. Rondthaler, and the other by the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz.

The Juniors of this society now repeat their pledge in rhyme. The missionary donations of the year were $18.54, local charities, $2.58, and the expenses, $1.80.

One member was graduated into the Young People's Society.

The Superintendent, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, is assisted by Theodore Peper and Arthur Shultz.

Officers: Elizabeth Leibert, President; Leslie Ruth, Vice-President; Helena Rauch, Secretary; Grace Lennox, Treasurer.

5.—*Laurel Street Young People's.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

This society consists of 24 active members (11 male and 13 female), together with 2 associate and 15 honorary members. Meetings have been held regularly on Friday evenings, with a good attendance and marked interest, not only on the part of the members, but among visitors also.

On September 29 a "parting service" was held, this being the last occasion on which Bro. Crist met with the society before his departure for his new work in Indianapolis. On the 19th of October a Reception was held for Bro. M. E. Kemper and his family. Several visits have been paid to other societies from time to time, including Nazareth and Schoeneck. An effort has been made to increase the missionary treasury of the society, the

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monthly dues being raised to ten cents instead of five, and the box always sent to California for Christmas was sent again this year.

The Treasurer reports that the expenses of the Society amounted to $17.48, and that $27.41 was given to various mission causes.

Officers: Paul Gross, President; Mrs. T. Quier, Vice-President; Miss Daisy Stocker, Recording Secretary; Miss Ellen Ritter, Corresponding Secretary; Fred Schwalbe, Treasurer.

6.—Laurel Street Juniors.

Organized April 21, 1894.

The present membership is 60, (19 male, 41 female). Forty-four meetings have been held during the year. A farewell social was held in May, and parting gifts were made to two retiring superintendents, Miss Jones and Mrs. Crist. One joint-meeting with the Young People's Society was held. A Christmas entertainment was given, and groceries collected for worthy poor. A Hallowe'en social was also held. The expenses of the society were $2.03, and donations were made amounting to $13.60. There is need of keeping the society free from "hangers-on." And the lesson of giving instead of getting is also an important one for young people.

Officers: Miss Annie C. Hirst, Superintendent; Mrs. William Halteman, Miss Sallie Herbst, Paul Jahnke, Assistant Superintendents; Miss A. Ruby Kemper, Organist; Mabel Haas, President; Helen Halteman, Vice-President; Ruth Jones, Secretary; James Kellock, Treasurer.

E.—THE YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE.

Organized March 16, 1902.

The work of the Young Men's League has been successfully carried on during the year, although there is apparently a greater disposition on the part of young men outside of our own congregation to make use of the privileges which the organization affords than of the young men of our own membership. The

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lists of membership are kept as closely pruned as possible; for there will naturally be fluctuations from time to time. We now count 95 members. During the Winter months the League affords a place for the meeting of the Pastor's Class on alternate Sunday evenings, at which, after the evening service, the Pastor meets in an entirely informal way all those who choose to come, and by the use of lantern views matters of moral interest are discussed or considered. During the Summer months the privilege of the use of the Parochial School play-ground was secured, and on the evening of the Fourth of July a celebration was again held. In all the ways possible the effort is made to hold the young men of the congregation and community together for good. By arrangement with the Parochial School authorities, the League will also have the use in the evenings of the new gymnasium, as soon as it is completed, forming classes for physical culture under the direction of an efficient instructor. A fund of $584.19 gathered under the older organization, the David Nitschmann Union, for just this purpose, was turned over to the congregation for the erection of the gymnasium, and, in addition, subscriptions among the present members of the League were secured for the enterprise.

A Star Course of entertainments of the first class was arranged for the Winter, to be given in the Parochial School Hall. With due encouragement this can be made an annual feature of the League's activity.

The expenses up to the end of November amounted to $470.43.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President, Paul Bishop; Secretary, Frank C. Gapp; Treasurer, Fred. C. Beckel; Fifth member of the Executive Committee, Fred. H. Wilhelm; Auditors, A. G. Rau, J. M. Leibert, F. J. Klinker; House Committee, Paul Bishop, Truman Miller, Leonard Schweitzer, Charles Miller, Edgar Meyers.

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VII.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1904, to November 30, 1905, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$ 39,171 85
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	12,785 71
Total	$ 51,957 56

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$ 15,105 81	
" Land Rents	923 88	
" House Rents	1,944 46—	$ 17,974 15
Contributions of Members		3,414 40
Total Receipts		$ 21,388 55
Excess of Disbursements		10,755 93
		$32,144 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes		$ 850 11	
Repairs to Productive Property		854 84	
General Expenses		1,220 55—	2,925 50
Donations			1,520 00
Parochial School:			
General Appropriation		$ 5,000 60	
Repairs and Furniture		318 12—	5,318 72
Expenses of the Church Establishment:			
Provincial Revenue		$1,200 00	
Archive Expenses		101 47	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard		250 93	
Repairs to Church Buildings:			
General	$ 303 99		
Special	10,419 58	10,723 57	
Appropriation to Sunday Schools		675 00	
Repairs to Parsonages		538 03	
Church Expenses, including salaries		8,891 26—	22,380 26
			$32,144 48

J. S. KRAUSE, Treasurer.

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3. Contributions of Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects, and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $228.21; Sunday School, $55.00)	$283 21
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $203.76; Sunday School, $45.00; Societies, $40.00)	278 76
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $1,092.32; Sunday School, $117.25; Societies, $610.34)	1,819 91
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $605.06; Sunday School, $48.00; Societies, $103.00)	756 06
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Societies, $317.19)	317 19
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $1,536.88; Sunday School, $90.00; Societies, $51.25)	1,678.13
Home Mission, District Board of Church Extension, Collections, $70.02; Societies, $79.98)	150 00
Home Missions, other special objects, (Sunday School, $85.00; Societies, $876.04)	961 04
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $279.50; Sunday School, $115.00; Societies, $300.31)	694 81
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Donations)	2,374 71
All other causes, (Collections, $380.71; Sunday School, $35.00; Societies, $10.00)	425 71
Total for Enterprises of the Moravian Church	$9,739 53
General Christian Objects, (Collections, $102.07; Sunday School,$26.05; Societies, $87.57)	215 69
Provincial Revenue,(Church Dues, $1,200.00)	1,200 00
Congregation purposes, (not including $4,261.40, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections church dues and special efforts)	7,142 05
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$18,297 27

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4. Contributions of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 1,520 00
Derived by Societies from invested legacies	110 49
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	11,155 22
Total	$12,785 71

5. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1905, exclusive of Nisky Hill accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the congregation,.....	$28,730 08
Appropriated from income of Almoners, ...	260 96
Appropriated from income of invested legacies of Societies	110 49
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels, ...	18,594 63
Parochial School dues of non-Moravians, ...	4,261 40
Grand total from income and contributions,	$51,958 56

Table No. 3 is probably the one of all the preceding which will interest the membership particularly. Comparing with the total last year we find that it is smaller by $3,452.83, but last year's giving included a very heavy sum contributed to the increase of the Sustentation Fund. Since many of the pledges had been already redeemed, the sum reported by the Provincial Treasurer for that cause is very much less. Otherwise the contributions for the regular causes were about the same.

It was a noticeable fact that the collections during the Summer and Fall, made while the congregation was worshipping in the Sunday School Chapel, and not in the Church, were not as heavy as usual, the weekly congregations being smaller.

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The method introduced last year, of crediting the Parochial School dues of non-Moravians under table 5 instead of adding them to the last item under table 3, is again followed.

Taking the communicant membership as the basis, the per capita contribution for all causes is nearly $12.34; and for all causes outside our congregational work, $6.57; both exclusive of the appropriations from funds.

There has been no effort to trace and incorporate in the Report the individual gifts made directly through the Provincial Treasurer, and acknowledged from time to time in the columns of THE MORAVIAN, for these have not passed through strictly congregational channels. As a matter of interest, however, it may be mentioned that the Provincial Treasurer's totals for this congregation are $1,442.69 higher than those we have given.

1175 members are paying Church-dues.

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VIII.—THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1905.

Church Members.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1904.	Increase during 1905					Decrease during 1905.				Totals, Nov. 30, 1905.
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received						
			Moravian.	Non-Morav'n	Moravian.	Non-Morav'n.	Re-admitted.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
A.—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	620	0	18	4	4	7	1	7	0	7	14	626
Females	858	2	13	8	8	5	1	21	0	10	8	856
		Transferred from Children.			Received			Died.	Transferred to Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
B.—Non-Communicants Over 13 Years, viz.:												
Males	70	9			1			0	18	0	0	62
Females	53	20			5			1	13	0	0	64
		Baptized.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Non-Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
C.—Children, viz.:												
Males	166	14			3			0	9	1	0	173
Females	188	7			8			0	20	1	3	179
Grand Totals	1955											1960

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		Non Resident.		Souls.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Resident.	Non-Resid't.	Total.
Married Couples	292	292	22	22	584	44	628
Married Men	47		17		47	17	64
Married Women		95		39	95	39	134
Widowers	41		2		41	2	43
Widows		107		17	107	17	124
Single Men	172		23		172	23	195
Single Women		255		15	255	15	270
Older Boys	10				10		10
Older Girls		14			14		14
Total Communicants	562	763	64	93	1325	157	1482

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Resident Communicants	562	763	1325
Non-Resident	64	93	157
Total Communicants	626	856	1482
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	14		14
Single Women		7	7
Older Boys	48		48
Older Girls		57	57
Total Non-Communicant	62	64	126
CHILDREN.			
Resident	153	156	309
Non Resident	20	23	43
Total Children	173	179	352
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	769	981	1750
Non-Resident	92	118	210
Grand Total	861	1099	1960

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Male	*Female*	*Total.*
Married People	378	448	826
Widowers	43	.....	43
Widows	.....	124	124
Single Men	209	.....	209
Single Women	.....	277	277
Older Boys	58	.....	58
Older Girls	.....	71	71
Children	175	177	352
Grand Total Membership	863	1097	1960

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IX.—A REGISTER.

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1905.

(Hand-book, pages 19–35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Joseph A. Rice, President, 1899.
Joseph M. Leibert, Secretary, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
M. E. Kemper, 1905.
Charles H. Eggert, 1878.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
James T. Borhek, 1901.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
Edward J. Krause, 1889.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
9 persons.

The School Board.

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
M. E. Kemper, 1905.
Mathew J. Schmid, 1895.
Richard W. Leibert, 1858-'60, '82.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1895.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1905.
3 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. H. E. Rondthaler, Superintendent, 1905.
Miss Lila Wenhold, Supt. Primary Dept., 1905.
Mrs. James M. Yeakel, Supt. Home Department.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Charles H. Eggert, Secretary, 1874.
Charles W. Clewell, Asst. Secretary, 1889.
W. A. R. Schultze, Asst. Secretary, 1901.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler, Pianist Primary Dept., 1905.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, 1880-'84, '93.
Emil J. Bishop, 1885.
Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1894-'97, 1900.
Arthur Davis, 1905.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Eliza Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox, 1900.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Mrs. Samuel Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Dora Millar, 1902.

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Miss Clara Frueauff, 1878.
Mrs. Naomi Bishop, 1906.
Miss Carrie Herbst, 1900.
Miss Clara Bishop, 1904.
Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Miss Minnie Clewell, 1905.
Miss Ella Luckenbach, 1905.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Miss Georgie Bishop, 1904.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Mrs. Frank J. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Mary A. Rice, 1903.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Antoinette Prince, 1902.
Miss Isabel Turner, 1902.
37 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Paul E. Gross, Superintendent, 1905.
Charles H. Rominger, 1903,
Assistant Superintendent, 1905.
Gerhard C. Brennecke, 1900,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1905.
Mrs. Emma Meyers,
Supt. Home Dept., 1903.
Mrs. J. F. Maynes,
Mrs. Ferdinand Dennig,
Samuel D. Luckenbach,
Assistants, 1905.
Frederick H. Wilhelm,
Secretary, 1898.
Oliver H. Barres,
Assistant Secretary, 1898.
Edward H. Beitel,
Assistant Secretary, 1903.
Arthur A. Davis,
Assistant Secretary, 1904.
Raymond H. Wilhelm,
Treasurer, 1904.
Paul H. Bishop, Librarian, 1905.
William Miksch,
Assistant Librarian, 1905.
Earle Keller, Organist, 1905.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Organist Primary Dept., 1901.

Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Hazel D. Bloss, 1902.
Miss Lizzie Bush, 1898.
Miss Cora E. Doster, 1897.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1903.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905.
Miss Louise Gapp, 1905.
Mrs. William Mack, 1905.
Miss Stella Peffer, 1905.
Miss Lillian Sharpe, 1905.
Miss Letitia Schrader, 1905.
Miss Mary Walters, 1905.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch, 1900.
Miss Jennie H. Miller, 1903.
Mrs. Oscar Rauch, 1902.
Miss Margaret Sharpe, 1902.
Miss Ella E. Stern, 1904.
Mrs. William A. Sterner, 1903.
Miss Mary J. Steyers, 1899.
Miss Marguerite Thomas, 1903.
Miss Ella Wohlbach, 1904.
Philip Herman, Jr., 1904.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Paul C. Jahnke, 1903.
Clarence Clewell, 1905.
Arthur Ellis, 1905.
Robert E. Shafer, 1905.
Herbert B. Johnson, 1901.
Thomas B. Kellow, 1904.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1898.
William C. Krebs, 1902.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1886.
Edward Stemple, 1904.
William A. Sterner, 1903.
C. Clayton Teter, 1901.
Henry J. Hartman, 1904.
50 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School

W. Vivian Moses,
Superintendent, 1904.
Henry D. Desh, 1903.
William Halteman, 1905,
Secretaries.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Cruickshank, 1903.
Herbert Herbst, 1896,
Librarians.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1887.
Mrs. William Halteman,
Asst. Supt., Primary Dept., 1904.
Harry E. Kern, Organist, 1901.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Organist, Primary Department, 1904.

Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Mary Kremser, 1902.
Miss Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Miss Ella Fries, 1898.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Sallie Herbst, 1903.
Miss Ellen Ritter, 1899.
Miss Helen Ruch, 1904.
Miss Lucy Fries, 1904.
Miss Beulah Heffelfinger, 1903.
Mrs. Tilghman Quier, 1904.
Arthur Francke, 1904.

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Arthur Schultz, 1902.
P. Edmund Schwarze, 1904.
George Runner, 1902.
Arthur Butzin, 1904.
Edward Eberman, 1900.
Earle Winn, 1905.
Archie Mann, 1905.
Theodor Peper, 1905.
31 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Albert G. Rau, 1888,
Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888,
Vice Superintendent, 1904.
Paul E. Gross, 1904.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-'91, '95.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Clara Frueauff, 1899.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
13 persons.

Persons engaged in Musical Service

Organists

J. Fred. Wolle, 1885, Church,
(On leave of absence.)
Albert G. Rau, Assistant, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields, Old Chapel, 1900;
Parochial School, 1901.
Earle Keller, West Side Chapel, 1905,
and Sunday School.
Harry E. Kern,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1901.
Miss Harriet Miksch,
West Side Primary Dept. S. S., 1900.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Laurel Street Primary Dept.
Sunday School, 1904.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist,
Central Sunday School, 1905.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler, Pianist,
Primary Dept., Central S. S., 1905.
9 persons.

Trombonists.

Charles H. Neisser, 1884.
Robert Rau, 1866.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Howard Koch, 1904.
Walter C. Horn, 1900.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
Frank J. Meyers, 1899.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
13 persons.

Orchestra.

Church.

William F. Hartman, 1887.
A. W. Weingartner, 1894.
George F. Pettinos, 1887.
E. G. Knote, 1905.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1895.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Frank Ricksecker, 1905.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Samuel Clewell, 1905.
Frank P. Miller, 1902.
Marcel Krieger, 1903.
A. N. Hoffman, 1903.
George Bilheimer, 1905.
E. H. Sefing, 1904.
Harry E. Kern, 1904.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
16 persons.

Singers, Church.

Sopranos,

Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Caroline Wunderling, 1893.
Miss Florence Shields, 1898.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1902.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1905.
Mrs. Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Mrs. J. Samuel Krause, 1905.
Miss Adelaide Walker, 1905.

Altos

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Miss Helen Shields, 1901.
Miss Melinda Prince, 1900.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.

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Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Miss Florence Prince, 1902.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Gertrude Shields, 1903.
Miss Addie Clewell, 1905.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice, 1903.
Miss Marion Levering, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Marie Hesse, 1905.

Tenors.

Robert Rau, 1861.
F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
R. V. Eberman, 1902.
Fred. H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
R. G. Clewell, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
Charles H. Rominger, 1905.

Basses.

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Bertine Reinke, 1901.
Rev. Wm. Schwarze, 1903.
E. J. Winn, 1905.
R. Fred. Mease, 1905.
Arthur Francke, 1905.
Fred. Schupp, 1905.

54 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Virginia Huebner, 1905.
Mrs. F. W. Stengel, 1905.
Miss Emma Kern, 1905.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1905.
Miss Helen Bieber, 1905.
Miss Carrie Bieber, 1905.
Miss Annie Meyers, 1905.
Master William Miller, 1905.

Altos.

Miss Mabel Brunner, 1905.
Miss Louise Gapp, 1905.
Miss Amelia Zweifel, 1905.
Master Leo Jacot, 1905.

Tenors.

Roy G. Clewell, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.

Basses.

Joseph Smith, 1902.
Fred. Mease, 1905.
Herbert Pettersen, 1905.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.

17 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Sopranos.

Miss Sallie Herbst, 1898.
Miss Annie Hirst, 1900.

Altos.

Miss Laura Belling, 1904.
Miss Margaret Matz, 1904.
Miss Daisy Stocker, 1905.

Tenor.

Harry Kilpatrick, 1905.

Bass.

Robert Shafer, 1904.

7 persons.

Emergency Choir.

Mrs. W. E. Doster, Leader.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox.
Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
Miss Louise Rice.
Mrs. John F. Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. J. S. Krause.
Miss Mary A. Rice.
Miss Addie L. Clewell.
Miss Laura Belling.
Miss Marion Levering.

14 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Eggert, Head Sacristan, 1892.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868, Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
Joseph A. Rice, 1886, Secretary, 1888.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Theodore Kampman, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.

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George J. Grider, 1904.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884.
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890,
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, 1896.
Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Andreas Maurer, Lovefeast Helper, 1896.

25 persons.

Ushers and Collectors. West Side Chapel.

Fred. V. Constable, 1902.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.

4 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
Michael Achenbach, 1894.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Julius Neumann, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
Anton Hesse, 1898.

8 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel.

James T. Borhek, 1891, Chairman.
Henry B. Schneller, 1904, Secretary and Treasurer.
Herbert Herbst, 1889.
William Halteman, 1904.
James M. Yeakel, 1905.
Henry C. Huettig, 1905.
Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex officio.

7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel.

H. J. Hartmann, '04-'06, Chairman.
Paul E. Gross, '05-'08, Secretary.
Charles F. Schwartz, '04-'07, Treasurer.
Alfred E. Degelow, '04-'06.
William M. Constable, '04-'08.
William A. Sterner, '05,-'08.
Rev. F. W. Stengel, ex officio.

7 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Fred. J. Rice, 1886, Chairman.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Riegel, 1890.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
G. Fred. Krause, 1894.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Thomas E. Groman, 1906.
Frankin S. Schwab, Jr., 1891.
Robert E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Archibald Johnston, 1891.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Frank E. Schneller, 1904.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Howard A. Riegel, 1896.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
George G. Schneller, 1904.

20 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1886.
Franz Gerstner, 1886.
Michael Achenbach, 1886.
Anton Hesse, 1900.

4 persons.

Collectors, Laurel Street Chapel.

Clarence Reichel, 1903.
Ward Cruickshank, 1903.
Robert Heine, 1905.
Arthur Saylor, 1903.
Henry Desh, 1903.
Glenmore Mease, 1904.
Herbert Cruickshank, 1903.
Robert Desh, 1903.
Charles Kemper, 1905.

9 persons.

Janitors.

Andreas Maurer, 1896, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Edward Steinbach, 1902, Assistant.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887, Laurel Street Chapel
Jacob T. Albright, 1887, Congregation Office.

5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries.

Lorenzo Daily, 1882.
David Groman, 1878, Assistant.

2 persons.

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X.—THE NECROLOGY.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Henry T. Milchsack	August 4, 1824	December 31, 1905.
Charles Brodhead,	June 19, 1828	December 22, "
Christina (Stein) Schmich	December 15, 1831	January 12, 1905.
Caroline (Behrens) Schultze	May 3, 1818	January 19, "
Emma Rebecca (Moore) Hamilton	July 4, 1830	February 9, "
Cornelia Louisa (Huebner) Rauch	May 8, 1833	February 26, "
Louisa M. (Traeger) Meyers	October 18, 1838	March 28, "
Sabina (Repp) Moser	June 30, 1837	March 26, "
Linda Marguerite Sames	June 9, 1889	April 1, "
Lydia Taylor (Hoff) Steckel	December 4, 1825	April 8, "
Amanda Catharine (Laub) Grube	August 24, 1851	April 17, "
Anna Louisa (Gery) Freudenberger	April 20, 1847	April 28, "
Caroline Elizabeth (Oerter) Luckenbach	October 6, 1822	April 30, "
Maria Sophia (Lelansky) Neumann	April 26, 1858	May 1, "
Hermine Louise (Hunt) Wilhelm	July 8, 1854	May 4, "
Mary Lucinda (Herman) Bloss	March 14, 1863	May 14, "
Ammon A. Gardner	December 20, 1847	May 18, "
William Asher Bush	February 13, 1839	May 20, "
Ann Elizabeth Wilson	April 9, 1865	June 15, "
Mary Anna (Eisenhower) Fenner	August 12, 1842	June 23, "
Antoinette Goth	March 24, 1872	July 28, "
Samuel Yost	November 12, 1821	July 28, "
Joseph Henry Traeger	March 14, 1837	August 18, "
Margaret Estella (Keiper) Bruch	May 22, 1875	August 31, "
Emilie Louisa (Schmidt) Schippang	August 16, 1831	August 31, "
Anna (James) Dash	October 12, 1841	September 2, "
Cornelia Matilda Smith	June 7, 1836	October 19, "
Andrew Adam Luckenbach	December 22, 1839	October 30, "

Of these 28 persons connected with the congregation 27 were communicant members, and 1 was non-communicant.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of 5 other persons not connected with the congregation.

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Preface.

THE Board of Elders herewith presents to the membership the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation, covering the period December 1, 1905, to November 30, 1906, with the exception of the list of Officers of the Congregation, which has been corrected to the end of December, in order to include, for present reference, those elected to serve for periods covering the current year.

The Report is a compilation, the sources of information being the sub-reports of all the organizations in the congregation. Since only a summary is necessary for reference and comparison, each statement has been made as brief as possible.

It will be well for each member to file away the Report, after a first reading, for it will be serviceable in many ways.

The Board would be glad to have its attention drawn to any errors which may be noticed by those better acquainted with the details of any individual section.

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THE MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

(Corrected to the end of December, 1906.)

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, ('06-'09); William S. Hermany, ('06-'09); Charles H. Eggert, ('04-'07); James T. Borhek, ('04-'07); George W. Riegel, ('05-'08); Albert G. Rau, ('05-'08).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President,* ('04-'07); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President,* ('06-'09); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer,* ('05-'08); Edward J. Krause, *Secretary,* ('04-'07); Harry J. Meyers, ('05-'08); Joseph M. Leibert, ('05-'08); Aaron B. Levers, ('04-'07); William V. Knauss, ('06-'09); Allen J. Sterner, ('06-'09).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary,* ('04-'07); Richard W. Leibert, *Treasurer,* ('04-'07); Abraham C. Prince, ('06-'09); William F. Schneller, ('06-'09); Henry A. Krause, ('05-'08); Charles H. Wenhold, ('05-'08).

ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President,* ('06-'11); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer,* ('05-'10); Abraham R. Benner,

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('02-'07); Matthew J. Schmid, ('03-'08); Harry B. Eggert, ('04-'09).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, J. Samuel Wolle, Frederick H. Wilhelm, (all '06-'07).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('06-'07).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('06-'07).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Handbook, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter, and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Handbook, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parentheses indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7.00 P.M., Evening service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.
Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).
Wednesday: 7.30 P.M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.
School Days: 8.30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.
Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.
7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).
Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Junior S. C. E.
Friday: 7.30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

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Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Monday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1.45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
6.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E. (Summer, 6.45 P.M.)

Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pages 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pages 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

During the year 1906 there was a steady maintenance of the regularity of the hours of worship, for which we may well give God thanks.

The beautifully renovated Central Church has been a constant delight to those who come together there for praise, prayer and meditation on the Word. The congregations have been almost uniformly better than during preceding years, and there has been a noticeable spirit of unity and fellowship, which is surely one of the fruits of the Spirit of God in the hearts of believers.

The Chapel congregations have also been more representative, and the increasingly numerous forms of service being drawn out at all places of worship have made more of the members feel their special need of the opportunities for spiritual refreshment. For it is a fact that the more strenuous the service to which we give ourselves, the more frequent will be our hours of waiting upon God for His strength to do that service.

During the hot months of July and August there was an intermission in the mid-week services held in the Old Chapel. A series of studies in the parables of our Lord marked the resumption of these Wednesday evening hours in September.

The gift of an electric stereopticon to the congregation by several of the young men, and the completion of the equipment by the Board of Trustees, has made it possible at any time to use this means of teaching in the Old Chapel. Missionary meetings have thus been rendered the more interesting and instructive, and evenings have been spent with our own Moravian hymns, the effort being made to familiarize the congregation with their authors and the events incident to their composition.

A Bible-reading course, with passages suggested on the announcement leaflet from week to week, has been faithfully maintained by a large company of readers.

If there has been any decided change noticed in the congregations gathered from time to time it may be observed that there is perhaps less uncomfortable crowding at special seasons and on notable days, and a more regular and steady attendance at the

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hours of worship and instruction Sunday by Sunday. This, in fact, is a healthy sign.

The total number of accessions to the membership during the year has been 87 communicants, and the loss 52. For the first time for a number of years, therefore, the communicant membership has again risen above the 1500 mark, being now 1517.

Apart from the meetings of the various Sunday Schools and Societies using the buildings, the following services were held in the Church and Chapels: in the Central Church, 175; in the Old Chapel, 103; in the West Side Chapel, 45; in Laurel Street Chapel, 88; total, 411.

Baptism and other rites were as follows:

Infant baptisms, in the Church, 4; at the homes of the parents, 30; totals, 34.

Adult baptisms, in the Church, 2.

Confirmations, in the Church, 33; in Laurel Street Chapel, 6; total, 39.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, or from other denominations, 40.

Marriages, in the Church, 3; at the West Side Chapel, 1; at the parsonages or at other homes, 9; total, 13.

Funerals, in the Church, 4; in the Old Chapel, 4; in the West Side Chapel, 1; at Laurel Street, 2; at the late residences, 14; total, 25.

The regular Communion seasons, 6 in number, have been observed, beside the special celebrations by covenanting choirs. The average attendance at the celebrations in the English language has been 413; at the celebrations in the German language, 101.

All who expressed a desire to have the sacrament administered to them in their own homes, on account of sickness or other disability, have been served by one or the other of the pastors, and such service is most gladly rendered at any time.

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II.—THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

There is scarcely any necessity of rehearsing the system under which the present pastors are ministering to this congregation, for it has come to be quite thoroughly understood. It does not seek to maintain rigid territorial lines, while it does afford opportunity for more close attention to each part of the community than would be possible if each brother were to try to cover the whole congregation and town with his visitations.

An easy exchange of pulpits, and other interchange of pastoral work, has characterized the months, and the general feeling is now that we should use each opportunity to bring to bear every energy with which we are endowed to make spiritually effective the blessed gospel which has been committed to our trust.

It may yet be said that it is becoming more and more recognized that numerically the growth of the Bethlehem congregation must come through its Chapels, situated as they are in those sections of the community which permit of further building up. At the same time it is to the interest of every part to secure and maintain a perfect unity with every other part, making of the whole one coherent congregation.

Any information or suggestions which may be given to the pastors by any member, with a view to benefit the spiritual condition of the whole membership, or any individual part of it, will be always greatly appreciated.

III.—THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

I.—The Sunday Schools.

Figures do not always tell the whole story of a situation, but frequently they do reveal certain facts which are worthy of consideration.

A comparison, therefore, of the membership in our Sunday Schools at the present time, numerically, presents the following facts: in the total enrollment there has been a gain of 2 scholars,

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and 9 teachers and officers, 11 together; and the average attendance has increased from 714 to 721. While this is not as much perhaps as we might have expected, it is something to be grateful for, since in several preceding years there had been a steady decrease, until 1905.

The schools, therefore, number 421 male scholars, 521 female scholars, 50 male teachers and officers, 52 female teachers and officers, a total of 1044 persons connected with the work of the three Sunday Schools. In the Home Department, with 213 members, there has been a falling off of 10. The grand total is, therefore, 1257.

There has been a change in the leadership of each of the three Schools, owing to the resignations of the former Superintendents. The temporary arrangements of the Summer were terminated by the election and appointment of Bro. Robert E. Shafer at the Central, Bro. R. E. Clewell at the West Side, and Bro. M. E. Kemper at Laurel Street.

On July 7th the Schools united in a great picnic at Bellewood Park, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, about twenty-five miles east of Bethlehem. It became a general outing for the congregation, and about 1200 people enjoyed a most delightful occasion. It was an instance of what can be done whenever there is a union of forces.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the Spring, Bro. H. E. Rondthaler, who had for several months served most efficiently as Superintendent, found it was impossible for him longer to hold this position in addition to his other work, but kindly remained in office until the midst of Summer.

A temporary arrangement was maintained during the next couple months, and in the early Fall Bro. Robert E. Shafer, of the Theological Seminary, accepted this work. The attendance fell far below the average during the months of the interim, but regained its normal figure with the cooler season.

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Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 168; female, 233; total, 401. Teachers and officers, male, 8; female, 24; total, 32. Total enrollment, 441. Average attendance, 282. The Home Department numbers 120. Mrs. James Yeakel has been Superintendent, but for the coming year Mrs. H. T. Clauder will fill that office.

The expenses of the school have amounted to $420.94; and the donations made to various causes $550.00, including $300.00 repaid to the congregation on the still unclosed account of the Sunday School Building.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A comparison with the report of 1905 will show that there has been a slight shrinkage in the total enrollment. When, however, it is remembered that a special canvass had been made shortly before that report, it is gratifying to observe that the gain then made has for the most part been permanent. Present enrollment: Scholars, male, 129; female, 147; total, 276. Teachers, male, 13; female, 20; total, 33. Officers, male, 9. Total enrollment, male, 151; female, 167; grand total, 318, indicating a decrease of 10 from last report, of whom 6 were teachers. A thorough reorganization of the School, in connection with the opening of the new class rooms and a new sub-primary department accounts for this loss, fewer teachers being now needed than formerly. While the regular school suffered a loss of 4 scholars, the Home Department shows a gain of 4, being 93; so that the grand total enrollment in all dejartments is less by 6 than last year, 411.

The average attendance was 239, as compared with 230 in 1905.

Expenses, $309.95; contributions to denominational and other causes, $298.15.

The past year has been an eventful one. A change in the superintendency took place, very happily without any interruption of the work. Mr. Clarence Clewell succeeded Mr. Paul Gross in the main department, and Mr. Raymond Wilhelm took up the work in the primary department, relinquished by Mr. Gerhard Brennecke upon his graduation from the Theological Seminary.

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The two class rooms in the basement, which were spoken of as a possibility in the last report, have materialized and have proven their usefulness. The removal of the library to the rear of the primary room, and the formation of a sub-primary department in the room thus vacated, have met a very pressing need and have greatly added to the efficiency of the School. An excellent spirit prevails, and the organization is in condition to do aggressive and effective work.

C.—THE LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This School is also in excellent condition. Sessions have been held regularly throughout the year, except on one Sunday, the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the Central Church.

The attendance, even during the Summer months, when other Schools to which some of the children belong hold their sessions at the same hour, has been very good. Monthly meetings of the teachers' association have also been regularly held, and well attended.

The library has been moved into the primary department room, the east room thus vacated affording space much needed for a Bible Class, in charge of the pastor.

The annual picnic was a pleasing success, in union with the two other Schools, as already noted. In addition, the primary department spent a delightful day at Rittersville Park.

Abstract from the statement of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 124; female, 141; total, 265, a gain of 17 over last report. Teachers, male, 7; female, 12; total, 19. Officers, male, 6; female, 4; total, 10. Total enrollment, male, 137; female, 157; grand total, 294. Average attendance, 200. The expenses of the School were $235.14; and donations to the various Church causes amounted to $130.00.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

The work of this institution has progressed steadily during the year. The event of the greatest interest in the Spring was the opening of the new gymnasium, erected conjointly by the gifts of

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old pupils and appropriations by the Board of Trustees and the School Board. A physical instructor was also added to the teaching force, and regular exercise is required of every pupil who is not excused by doctor's orders.

In June there were 18 graduates, 13 male, and 5 female.

Enrollment: Scholars, male, 127; female, 125; total, 252.

Teachers, male, 5; female, 9; total, 14.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$ 3,730 43
Tuition from Moravians	$ 1,030 20	
Tuition from Non-Moravians	4,547 40	
Miscellaneous:		
From graduation, for Diplomas, etc.	58 35	
From Rental of Gymnasium	214 50	
From Rental of Chapel	26 19	299 04
Board of Trustees: Appropriation for 1906		5,113 60
		$14,720 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 330 24	
Miscellaneous Expenses	882 59	
Chemical Laboratory	98 37	
Physical Laboratory	29 52	
Gymnasium	361 49	
Books and Stationery	124 01	
Salaries	8,975 00	
Donation to Gymnasium Building	2,000 00	$12,801 22
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1906	761 95	
Balance in Treasurer's Office	20 00	
Balance in hands of Trustees	1,137 50	1,919 45
		$14,720 67

RICHARD W. LEIBERT, Treasurer.

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IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year 1906 there were three special meetings, one meeting of the Board, and the annual business meeting on May 27.

The anniversary meeting was held on Whit-Sunday evening, June 3, the pastor delivering the address on that occasion.

In February the Society pledged itself to maintain a bed in the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem, which means an annual gift of $75.00.

During the year 24 new members were added to the roll of membership, four members removed from town, and there were six deaths, among the latter being Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, our collector in South Bethlehem, and Miss Clara Frueauff, who served for many years as librarian of the Society.

The membership, therefore, today stands at 318.

The dues of the year amounted to $155.00; the anniversary collection added $81.85; and interest on investments $42.00 more; therefore the receipts were $278.85.

Donations were made to the General Mission Fund, the Jerusalem Leper Hospital, Estridge Church, on the W. I. island of St. Kitts, the duplication of the Alaskan supplies in San Francisco, and the Pearl Lagoon Church in Nicaragua. Those gifts together amounted to $307.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. Caroline Detterer; First Vice President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Brunner; Librarian, Miss Mary Ann Rice; Collectors, and members of the Board of Managers, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Elizabeth Bigler, Mrs. Jane Luckenbach, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. H. C. Tacy, Mrs. James Yeakel, Miss Isabelle Doster, Miss Mary Ann Rice, Miss Helena de Schweinitz, and Miss Gertrude Shields.

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2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The membership remains at nearly the same figure as last year, 270. On the active roll are 157 names; on the associate, 60; on that of life-membership, 53.

During the year monthly public meetings were held, most of the speakers being from nearer home than in other years. But there was also an interesting address by the Rev. Clarence E. Romig, of Antigua, W. I.

The address on the occasion of the anniversary in January was delivered by the Rev. John Greenfield, of Nazareth.

Dues collected, $66.50; collections at business meetings and monthly meetings, $43.44; interest on investments, $73.25.

Donations were made amounting to $205.00.

The officers for the year were: President, the Rev. W. N. Schwarze; Vice-President, Theo. W. Shields; Secretary, Karl de Schweinitz (succeeded, upon his removal from town, by Robert M. Heine); Treasurer, Arthur A. Davis.

3.—*The Mite Society.*

Organized in 1878.

This organization, teaching the lesson of the steady accumulation of small gifts regularly laid aside, gave $117.00 during the year to the General Mission Treasury.

It is pleasing to refer to a considerable increase in the membership, which has now reached 206; 186 women, and 20 men.

Two meetings were held at the residence of the President, both being largely attended.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss Antoinette Prince; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; additional Collectors, Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Isabelle Doster, Miss Emily Lange, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Laura Schwab, Miss Georgie Bishop, Miss Martha Bishop, Mrs. Sumter Forney.

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4.—*The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.*

Organized May 10, 1881.

All the pupils of the school are members of this Society, and the freewill contributions brought from time to time really foot up a total not to be despised.

Membership: 127 male; 124 female; total, 151.

Three mission causes this year received gifts from the treasury, the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem, the work in Alaska, and the hurricane sufferers in Nicaragua. The amount thus given was $31.91.

Officers: President, Frederick Groman; Vice President, Bertha Tallon; Secretary, Charles Rauch; Treasurer, Mildred Milchsack.

5.—*The Home Mission Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 1865.

The anniversary meeting of the Society was held on the evening of Sunday, June 10, the Rev. G. M. Shultz, of Stapleton, Staten Island, delivering the address; and the annual business meeting was held at the close of the evening service two weeks earlier, May 27. Three meetings of the Board of Directors were held during the year, to attend to the routine business and the calls for special assistance. With the lessening number of such special calls comes the possibility of increasing the appropriations to the more general needs. The following are interesting items from the Treasurer's report: from the May canvass the sum of $407.80 was received; from the monthly offerings in Church and Chapels, $854.16; interest, $134.00. Contributions, either to home missionaries themselves or to home mission work, amounted to $1279.41.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice President, the Rev. F. W. Stengel; Recording Secretary, Augustus H. Leibert; Treasurer, the Rev. Henry A. Jacobson; Directors, Harry B. Eggert, Henry A. Krause, Henry B. Schneller, Cornelius J. Gapp, Oliver A. Clewell, Franklin H. Brunner.

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6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Missionary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; *organized November* 28, 1888.

Strictly speaking this is not a Society within the congregation at all, for it is the congregation itself. But it is the organized effort to present to every member an opportunity to give financial aid to that great mission work which is comparatively near to us, and for which, as Americans, we feel peculiarly responsible. An efficient corps of Collectors makes a canvass of the congregation during the month of October.

The annual business meeting was held on Sunday evening, February 18.

The Collectors turned in to the Treasurer $488.51, and at the New Year's Eve Vigils the offering amounted to $66.81.

Officers: President, Julius D. Bishop; Vice President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, C. Otto Brunner; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*, Charles H. Eggert, Frank I. Klinker, Theodore Kampmann, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. A. J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Irene Ross.

7.—*West Side Forward Missionary Movement.*

It is a comparatively short time since this section has been appearing in the Annual Report, but it deals with a real effort on the part of those interested particularly in the foreign missionary work of the Church who are living on the West Side to stir up more systematic support for a missionary representative of our own. Bro. Augustus Seibt and his wife, of the East Central African Mission, are the couple who are now regarded as especially the substitutes in the field for the West Side Moravians. Personal letters from them serve to maintain the more close relationship desired.

There are 42 contributors to the Fund, of whom 26 are regular contributors, paying stated amounts per month or per annum. Their full salary, it is learned, is now $575.00.

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At a special meeting on Sunday, May 13, the speaker was Mr. H. W. Frost, connected with the China Inland Mission. At another, on November 4, the Rev. S. W. Gillam, of Cawnpore, India, made the address. On November 30, Dr. William Hamilton, of Washington, D. C., delivered an illustrated lecture on Alaska, which was very instructive.

The Treasurer was able to turn over, toward the support of Bro. and Sr. Seibt, $269.00.

Officers: Secretary, the Rev. H. J. Hartman; Treasurer, Emil J. Bishop.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The past year of the Society has been marked by more than the usual financial success, as well as by faithful and self-denying work on the part of the capable and indefatigable President and the other in charge, assisted by the faithful few among the members.

The receipts exceeded those of previous years by more than $100.00, and the hearts of 22 of our ministers and home missionaries will be gladdened at Christmas time by gifts.

The members, active and honorary, number the same as a year ago, and we would again express the wish that a more general interest might be taken in this work by the ladies of the Church, and that more members might be added.

With sorrow we record the loss of one who served the Society most faithfully for years, by disposing of our work, Miss Maria Shultz, who entered into her rest in November. "Her works do follow her."

Membership: active, 24; honorary, 14.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. Otelia de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Schropp.

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2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

Organized October 9, 1881.

There has been a slight increase in the membership of this Circle, for it now numbers 12 active and 6 honorary members.

The Moravian College and Theological Seminary, for which the Circle works, received a contribution of $200.00 during the year.

A Reception was given at the College in June, on the occasion of the Commencement.

Leader, Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—*The Busy Workers.*

Organized March 1, 1884.

This organization now consists of 13 active and 18 honorary members.

The proceeds of the annual Fair are devoted to certain specified church causes. This year the gifts amounted to $281.90.

The annual Fair was this year held on June 2.

Officers: President, Mrs. R. Paul Stout; Vice President, Miss Alice Prince; Secretary, Mrs. Albert G. Rau; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert G. Connolly.

4.—*The Twenty-Minute Society.*

Organized October, 1893.

The membership remains the same as last year, twenty-one.

One box, containing clothing and household goods, was sent to a home missionary family during the year, being the result of the work of the ladies of the Society during the months. Together with the accompanying check, it was valued at $345.77.

Seven meetings were held during the year, at the homes of the various members.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward H. Jacobson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Rice; Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Rau.

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5.—*The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.*

Organized April 2, 1903.

The members of this organization have for another year been working with unabated zeal in the interest of the Chapel. On several occasions refreshments were served to those gathered in the Chapel for social intercourse. For a while the pulpit was kept supplied with flowers, until another organization took up this service. A very important and useful addition was made to the furnishing of the Chapel, a piano, purchased and donated by this Society.

Membership, 20; expended for local and other causes, $140.22.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; Vice President, Mrs. O. E. Groman; Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Isabelle Doster.

A very cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies interested in the Chapel to join with those now engaged in this form of service.

6.—*The Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.*

Organized October, 1903.

Except during the months July and August, the Society met regularly every two weeks during the past year. A number of quilts were made and donated to the Theological Seminary. A successful Supper was held in September, in the Central Sunday School Building. Donations were made to various causes of the Church, amounting to $43.00. Some expense was also incurred in fixing up the former library room of the Sunday School for a sewing room.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Henry Schneller, Mrs. Henry Huettig; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Borhek.

7.—*The West Side Juvenile Workers.*

Organized September 30, 1905.

The ladies who are leaders of this organization are doing a splendid work, one that deserves much praise and encouragement.

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They meet every Saturday afternoon with a large number of younger girls, who are formed into classes and are given instruction in plain and fancy sewing. A portion of the time is also given to the rehearsal of songs. The girls who are enrolled in these classes, together with a number of boys, constitute a juvenile choir which from time to time assists in the musical service of the Chapel.

On Washington's Birthday the children entertained their parents with songs and recitations. Two general entertainments were given, the proceeds of which were used partly to cover the expenses of the Society, besides which a donation of $15.00 was made toward the hurricane sufferers in Nicaragua.

Officers: President, Miss Sarah Jacoby; Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Brunner; Treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Schwartz; Musical Director, Miss V. Huebner; additional Teachers, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. M. C. Fetter, Mrs. A. E. Wohlbach Mrs. E. A. Davis, Mrs. George Woerner, Mrs. T. Weand, Miss Annie Goth.

There is constant opportunity for those to whom this form of usefulness appeals. The ranks of the workers are never overcrowded.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1896. *First Circles formed in* 1887.

Apart from the general work of the Union, that of supporting a trained nurse for the needy of the congregation, there has been incidental special work. In the course of the last Winter the Union forwarded to the Leper Hospital in Surinam 905 bandages, together with a quantity of absorbent cotton, to be used in treating the sufferers.

A Thanksgiving offering, consisting of a quantity of eatables, was also sent to the Moravian College.

The individual Circles have continued their chosen lines of activity, sending comfort bags to the Home for Incurables, supplying ministers' families with household linens, etc., and remembering needy families at Christmas, together with other work of this sort.

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There are now 24 Circles of King's Daughters, an increase of one Circle during the year, under the name, "The Nearest Duty," Mrs. M. E. Kemper, leader.

The present membership is 355.

The donations, as far as reported, amounted to $431.03, made to the Theological Seminary, local charity, Home and Foreign Missions and general Christian objects.

In the Permanent Nurse Fund there is $2,050.00.

During the year the following served as officers: President, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach; Vice Presidents, Mrs. E. C. Roest, Mrs. A. C. Prince, Mrs. E. A. Rau; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie A. Becker; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsach.

The list of Circles and leaders having been given in full in last year's report, is not repeated in this.

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

Organized November 24, 1905.

The object of this organization, to bring into closer relations the four Moravian Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in the Bethlehems, has been kept clearly in view during the year, and each of the Societies has in turn entertained the others, in a devotional meeting and an hour of social fellowship.

Mr. Gerhard Brennecke, who had been the president, entering the larger service of the Church, laid down his office in the Summer, and in the Fall Mr. C. W. Krebs became his successor.

The 25th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor was celebrated by the Union in the Central Church, Sunday, February 4, the address being delivered by the Rev. E. S. Hagen, of Lititz. In May the Union also entertained the Northampton C. E. Convention, in the Sunday School Chapel.

In the Spring there was cordial co-operation with the movement to affiliate all the various young people's societies of the Churches of the Bethlehems, of all denominations and constitution, and in

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the large gathering which took place in Wesley M. E. Church for this purpose the Moravian Endeavorers were well represented.

It is necessary, however, to keep distinct the scope and purposes of the two organizations.

THE SOCIETIES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

1.—West Side Young People's.

Organized June 15, 1888.

During the past year there has been a thinning out of the ranks of this Society. A number of members have removed from town, and their places have not yet been filled by others. There are at present 18 active members, 4 male, 14 female.

Though under this disadvantage, the Society was able by special effort to raise the sum of $50.00 which it had pledged last year toward the support of Bro. Weinland, the missionary representative of the First District C. E. Union.

The attendance at the meetings has been fairly good, and there are indications that a deeper spirit of earnestness may prevail in the coming year.

There is undoubtedly a very important sphere of usefulness for this branch of the Church's activity, and the opportunity and need should serve as a challenge to all members of the Society to dedicate themselves to do with all their might whatever the Lord has for them to do in this line.

Officers for the coming year: President, William C. Krebs; Vice President, Miss Annie Reiner; Secretary, Miss Mabel Jacoby; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Eberman; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet G. Miksch.

2.—West Side Junior Society.

Organized April 9, 1892; *disbanded October*, 1893; *reorganized February* 21, 1896.

The Society has for the past twelve months been in charge of a committee consisting of four young ladies appointed by the Young People's Society. The meetings, held on Tuesday afternoons, have had an influence on the life of the boys and girls who have attended.

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25 girls and 5 boys constitute the present membership.

Donations: $10.00 toward the support of Bro. Weinland, and $1.00 toward the sufferers in the San Francisco earthquake.

President, Miss Mary Steyers; Vice President, Miss Marguerite Eberman; Secretary, Miss Hazel Bloss; Treasurer, Miss Harriet Miksch.

3.—Central Young People's.

Organized January 30, 1889; *reorganized April* 29, 1902,

There has been a slight fluctuation and decrease in the numerical strength of the membership since the last annual report, for there are now 13 male and 13 female members, a total of 26. The honorary membership has increased to 10.

However, there has been a steadily good and encouraging spirit manifested throughout the year. The average attendance at the meetings on Sunday evenings has been very good. There are in the Society 11 "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" and 25 members of the Tenth Legion, pledged to set apart one-tenth of all their income for the Lord.

The expenses of the Society amounted to $33.23, and the missionary gifts to $65.93.

Officers at the end of November: President, Miss Marion Beckel; Vice President, Robert Oerter; Secretary, Miss Alice Crist; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha Bishop; Treasurer, Robert Clauder.

4.—Central Junior.

Organized April 7, 1892.

The membership is at present 32, 14 boys and 18 girls.

The average attendance was 21. A number of the young people seemed to think themselves too old for this Society, though they were not old enough to enter fully into the work of the older organization. It is a pity that this should occur.

One joint-meeting with the Central Y. P. S. C. E. was held, and the Juniors maintained their part very creditably.

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Two committees were formed recently, the Prayer-meeting and the Lookout.

The missionary contributions amounted to $11.65, expenses, $2.01.

Superintendents: Miss Marion Beckel and Miss Martha Bishop. Assistants: Mr. Herbert Johnson and Mr. Robert E. Shafer.

5.—*Laurel Street Young People's.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

The Society consists of 30 active members, male, 11, female, 19; and 2 associate members. On the honorary roll there are also 16 names.

Meetings have been regularly held each Friday evening, with good attendance and considerable interest. The treasurer reports expenses amounting to $32.93; $50.00 given toward the support of Bro. Weinland, missionary in California; and $17.75 toward other missionary causes.

Officers: President, Arthur Ellis; Vice President, Miss Anna Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Fries; Recording Secretary, Mr. Irvin Deer.

These will serve for the six months beginning December 1.

6.—*Laurel Street Junior Society.*

Organized April 21, 1894

The membership at present is 42, 9 male, 33 female. Except during July and August, meetings were regularly held.

The expenses of the Society were $5.35; and donations were made amounting to $35.67.

The Society is now in good condition. The membership is somewhat reduced because some or all of the "hangers-on" have dropped off.

Officers: Superintendent, Miss Annie C. Hirst; Assistants, Paul Jahnke and Archie Mann; Organist, Miss Ruby Kemper; President, Ruth Jones; Vice President, James Kellock; Secretary, Helen Schneller; Treasurer, Clayton Bernhardt; Counter, Laura Kemper.

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E.—THE YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE.

Organized March 16, 1902.

The year has been a quietly successful one. The attention of the membership has, naturally, latterly been turned in the direction of athletics, for with the opening of the Parochial School gymnasium in the Spring certain privileges were extended to the young men of this organization, which have been very much appreciated by those who were in a position to make use of them. Gymnasium dues are in addition to the former dues of $3.00 per annum, and are paid in advance.

In athletics generally the League maintained a good standing, winning the amateur championship of the Bethlehems in baseball. This season no foot-ball team was organized, but a basketball team was formed which gives promise of very good work.

In the evening parade of civic organizations on the Fourth of July, the League had a representative company in line, carrying a large banner.

In spite of the fact that the course of lectures and entertainments popularly called the League Star Course, was not a financial success, and rather severely strained the treasury to make good the deficit, it was resolved to make another attempt this year, and the success of the present effort seems assured.

On Sunday evenings, after service, the rooms of the League are again used by the Pastor's Class, open to all young men and boys.

Officers: President, Paul H. Bishop; Vice President, G. Truman Miller; Secretary, Herbert W. Heath; Treasurer, Claude G. Knerr; Fifth member of the Executive Committee, Frank C. Gapp; Chairman of House Committee, Howard Fatzinger.

F.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Emergency Choir.

Under this name are banded together 13 ladies, who for various reasons, in the household and otherwise, are not able to lend their services in the regular services of the Church, but who stand

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ready to be called upon for assistance at funerals held in the private homes. There had always been a need for just this kind of service, and the help rendered has been very much appreciated.

Leader, Mrs. W. E. Doster.

2.—*The Laurel Street Ushers' Association.*

This association was organized October 1, 1906, for the purpose of taking the place and fulfilling the duties of the former "Collectors" and "Ushers." It also affords a larger number of the young men connected with the Chapel something definite to do.

There are eight active members, four associate, and the officers, to serve for one year, are: Chairman, Clarence Reichel; Secretary, Glenmore Mease; Treasurer, Ward Cruickshank.

V.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1. *Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1905, to November 30, 1906, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.*

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$33,836 96
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	11,467 35
Total	$45,304 31

2. *Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1906.*

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$14,570 15	
From Land Rents	900 39	
From House Rents	1,989 92—	$17,460 46
Contributions of Members		3,738 02
Total Receipts		$21,198 48
Excess of Disbursements		6,654 77
		$27,853 25

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes			$ 941 80	
Repairs to Productive Property			626 27	
General Expenses			1,223 65—	2,791 72
Donations				2,500 00
Parochial School:				
General Appropriation			$ 5,113 60	
Repairs and Furniture			611 52—	5,725 12
Expenses of the Church Establishment:				
Provincial Assessment			$1,200 00	
Archive Expenses			44 20	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard			251 85	
Repairs to Church Buildings:				
General		$1,905 13		
Special		2,536 55—	4,441 68	
Appropriation to Sunday Schools			675 00	
Parsonage Expenses			441 93	
Church Expenses, including salaries			9,781 75—	16,838 41
				$27,853 25

3. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects, and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $216.54; Sunday Schools, $60.00)	$ 276 54
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $243.89; Sunday Schools, $69.45; Societies, $40.00)	353 34
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $363.38; Sunday Schools, $70.00; Societies, $244.75)	678 13
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $681.32; Sunday Schools, $45.00; Societies, $125.41)	851 73
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Sunday Schools, $182.55; Societies, $832.40)	1,014 94
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $1,330.44; Sunday Schools, $90.00; Societies, $84.34)	1,504 78
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, (Collections, $53.83)	53 83
Home Missions, other special objects, (Sunday Schools, $10.00; Societies, $791.13)	801 13
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $398.91; Sunday Schools, $125.00; Societies, $315.16)	839 07

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Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Sunday Schools, $23.00; Societies, $5.00; Individuals, $2,168.00.....	2,196 00
All other causes, (Collections, $371.77; Sunday Schools, $48.20; Societies, $3.79).....	423 75
Total for Enterprises of the Moravian Church...	$ 8,993 24
General Christian Objects, (Collections, $334.25; Sunday Schools, $88.87; Societies, $144.43).....	567 55
Provincial Revenue, (paid out of "Church-dues").....	1,200 00
Congregation purposes, (not including $4,547.40, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections, Church-dues and special efforts).....	5,381 14
Grand total of contributions of congregation....	$16,141 93

4. Contributions of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 500 00
Derived by Societies from invested legacies.....	206 56
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels.....	10,760 79
	$11,467 35

5. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1906, exclusive of Nisky Hill accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the Congregation.....	$24,115 23
Appropriated from income of Almoners.....	293 19
Appropriated from income of invested funds of Societies	206 56
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels.....	16,141 93
Parochial School dues of non-Moravians.....	4,547 40
Grand total from income and contributions.....	$45,304 31

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VI.—THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1906.

Church Members.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1905.	Increase during 1906						Decrease during 1906				Totals, Nov. 30, 1906
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received		Re-admitted	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Dropped	
			Moravian	Non-Moravian	Moravian	Non-Moravian						
A.—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	626	1	16	5	8	13	4	9	0	9	8	647
Females	856	1	12	6	7	12	2	13	0	11	2	870
												1517
		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
B.—Non-Communicants Over 18 Years, viz.:												
Males	62	12			2			0	16	0	2	58
Females	64	18			2			0	12	0	1	71
												129
		Baptized			Received			Died	Transferred to Non-Communic'ts	Dismissed	Dropped	
C.—Children, viz.:												
Males	173	21			6			0	12	1	4	183
Females	179	13			6			0	18	0	7	173
Grand Totals	1960											356

Grand Total Membership, November 30, 1906, 2002

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B.—*Distribution of Membership.*

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		Non Resident		Souls		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Resident	Non Resident	Total
Married Couples	304	304	21	21	608	42	650
Married Men	50		15		50	15	65
Married Women		101		40	101	40	141
Widowers	43		2		43	2	45
Widows		112		15	112	15	127
Single Men	173		21		173	21	194
Single Women		249		17	249	17	266
Older Boys	18				18		18
Older Girls		11			11		11
Total Communicants	588	777	59	93	1365	152	1517

	Males	Females	Total
Resident Communicants	588	777	1365
Non-Resident Communicants	59	93	152
Total Communicants	647	870	1517
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	13		13
Single Women		9	9
Older Boys	45		45
Older Girls		62	62
Total Non-Communicants	58	71	129
CHILDREN.			
Resident	162	155	317
Non-Resident	21	18	39
Total Children	183	173	356
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	781	1002	1783
Non-Resident	107	112	219
Grand Total	888	1114	2002

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VII.—A REGISTER

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1906.

(Hand-book, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter

The Ministry

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council

Joseph A. Rice, President, 1899.
Joseph M. Leibert, Secretary, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
M. E. Kemper, 1905.
Charles H. Eggert, 1878.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
James T. Borhek, 1901.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
Edward J. Krause, 1889.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
9 persons.

The School Board

A. D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
M. E. Kemper, 1905.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Richard W. Leibert, 1858-'60, '82.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
9 persons.

The Almoners

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1895.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
3 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work

Officers Central Sunday School

Robert E. Shafer,
Superintendent, 1906.
Miss Lila Wenhold,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1905.
Mrs. H. T. Clauder,
Supt. Home Dept., 1907.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Charles H. Eggert, Secretary, 1874.
Charles W. Clewell,
Asst. Secretary, 1889.
O. A. Clewell, Librarian, 1906.
Edwin Reinke, Asst. Librarian, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler,
Pianist Primary Dept., 1905.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, 1880-'84, '93.
Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1894-'97, 1900.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Eliza Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox, 1900.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Mrs. Samuel Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Dora Miller, 1902.

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Clarence Clewell, 1906.
Julius D. Bishop, 1906.
Herbert Cruickshank, 1906.
Miss Louise Gapp, 1906.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1906.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Carrie Herbst, 1900.
Miss Clara Bishop, 1904.
Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Miss Ella Luckenbach, 1905.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Miss Georgie Bishop, 1904.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Mary A. Rice, 1903.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Antoinette Prince, 1902.
40 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School

Clarence E. Clewell,
Superintendent, 1906.
Raymond Wilhelm,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1906.
Miss Emma Meyers,
Supt. Home Dept., 1903.
Mrs. J. F. Maynes, Asst., 1905.
Mrs. Ferdinand Dennig, Asst., 1905.
Mrs. H. J. Hartman, 1906.
Mrs. William Hartman, 1906.
Mrs. William Constable, 1906.
Mrs. Clayton Teter, 1906.
Mrs. James Hutchinson, 1906.
Frederick H. Wilhelm,
Secretary, 1898.
Oliver H. Barres,
Asst. Secretary, 1898.
Edward H. Beitel,
Asst. Secretary, 1903.
Arthur A. Davis,
Assistant Secretary, 1904.
Charles A. Hackman,
Treasurer, 1906.
Paul H. Bishop, Librarian, 1905.
William Miksch,
Asst. Librarian, 1905.
Harry E. Kern, Organist, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Organist Primary Dept., 1901.

Teachers, West Side Sunday School

Miss Hazel D. Bloss, 1902.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1903.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905.
Miss Louise Gapp, 1905.
Miss Letitia Schrader, 1905.
Miss Mary Walters, 1905.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch, 1900.
Miss Jennie H. Miller, 1903.
Miss Ella E. Stern, 1904.
Mrs. William A. Sterner, 1903.
Miss Mary J. Steyers, 1899.
Miss Ella Wohlbach, 1904.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Paul C. Jahnke, 1903.
Robert E. Shafer, 1905.
Herbert B. Johnson, 1901.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1898.
William A. Sterner, 1903.
Henry J. Hartman, 1904.
Philip Herman, 1904.
Edmund Brunner, 1906.
Raymond Schmich, 1906.
Roland Bahnson, 1906.
Alfred Vogler, 1906.
Herbert Cruickshank, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Bush, 1890.
Miss Laura King, 1906.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Helen Bieber, 1906.
Miss Lila Wenhold, 1906.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1906.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Mary Hackman, 1906.
52 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Henry D. Desh, 1903,
William Halteman, 1905,
Secretaries.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Herbst, 1896,
Charles Kemper, 1906,
Librarians.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1887.
Mrs. William Halteman,
Asst. Supt. Primary Dept., 1904.
Frank Ricksecker, Organist, 1906.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Organist Primary Dept., 1904.

Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Mary Kremser, 1902.
Miss Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Miss Ella Fries, 1898.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Sallie Herbst, 1903.
Miss Ellen Ritter, 1899.
Mrs. Tilghman Quier, 1904.
Miss Ruby Kemper, 1906.
George Runner, 1902.

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Edward Eberman, 1900.
Charles Bornman, 1906.
F. T. Schwalbe, 1906.
Irvin Deer, 1906.
J. R. Mewalt, 1906.
Arthur Ellis, 1906.

27 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School

Albert G. Rau, 1888,
Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888,
Vice Superintendent, 1904.
Paul E. Gross, 1904.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-'91, '95.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92,
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Clarence Burnett, 1906.
Miss Madeline Krieger, 1906.

14 persons.

Organists

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields, Old Chapel, 1900.
Parochial School; 1901.
Harry E. Kern,
West Side Chapel, 1906.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
West Side Primary Dept., 1900.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Laurel Street Primary Dept., 1904.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist,
Central Sunday School, 1905.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler, Pianist.
Primary Dept., Central S. S., 1905.

9 persons.

Trombonists

Charles H. Neisser, 1884.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896.
Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Howard Koch, 1904.
Walter C. Horn, 1900.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
Frank J. Meyers, 1899.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Richard Chapman, 1906.
Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.

16 persons.

Orchestra

Church

William F. Hartman, 1887.
A. W. Weingartner, 1894.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Frank Ricksecker, 1905.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Samuel Clewell, 1905.
George Bilheimer, 1905.
Harry E. Kern, 1904.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
George Sigley, 1905.
Charles F. Beckel, 1905.
Paul Ricksecker, 1905.
Jacob Hartzell, 1906.
Russell Sigley, 1906.

14 persons.

Singers, Church

Sopranos

Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Laura Schwab, 1899.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1902.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1905.
Mrs. Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Mrs. J. Samuel Krause, 1905.
Miss Adelaide Walker, 1905.

Altos

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Miss Helen Shields, 1901.
Miss Melinda Prince, 1900.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Miss Addie Clewell, 1905.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.

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Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Marie Hesse, 1905.

Tenors

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
R. V. Eberman, 1902.
Fred. H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
R. G. Clewell, 1905.
Granvile Schupp, 1905.
Prof. T. J. Martin, 1906.

Basses

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Bertine Reinke, 1901.
Rev. Wm. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
Edwin E. Reinke, 1906.
Joseph E. Smith, 1906.
Albert C. Smith, 1906.

47 persons

Singers, West Side Chapel

Sopranos

Mrs. F. W. Stengel, 1905.
Miss Emma Kern, 1905.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1905.
Miss Helen Bieber, 1905.
Miss Ruth Degelow, 1906.

Altos

Miss Virginia Huebner, 1905.
Miss Louise Gapp, 1905.
Miss Mabel Brunner, 1905.

Tenors

H. J. Hartman, 1906.
Roy G. Clewell, 1905.

Basses

Joseph E. Smith, 1902.
Earle Morgan, 1906.
Paul Jahnke, 1906.

13 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel

Sopranos

Miss Sallie Herbst, 1898.
Miss Annie Hirst, 1900.

Altos

Miss Laura Belling, 1904.
Miss Daisy Stocker, 1905.

Tenor

Harry Kilpatrick, 1905.
Fred. T. Schwalbe, 1906.

Bass

Robert Shafer, 1904.

7 persons.

Emergency Choir

Mrs. W. E. Doster, Leader.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox.
Miss Louise Rice.
Mrs. John F. Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. J. S. Krause.
Miss Mary A. Rice.
Miss Addie L. Clewell.
Miss Laura Belling.
Mrs. George Weber, 1906.

13 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church

Charles H. Eggert, Head Sacristan, 1892.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868, Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
Joseph A. Rice, 1886, Secretary, 1888.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884. Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890. Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.

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Mrs. Cornelius W. Krause, 1896.
Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Andreas Maurer, Lovefeast Helper, 1896.
25 persons.

Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel

Fred. V. Constable, 1902.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.
4 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Julius Neumann, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel

James Yeakel, 1905-'08, Chairman.
H. C. Tacy, 1906-'09, Secretary.
William Halteman, 1904-'07, Treasurer.
Henry B. Schneller, 1904-'07.
Henry C. Huettig, 1905-'08.
Glenmore Mease, 1906-'09.
Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex officio.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight West Side Chapel

Augustus W. Schmich, 1906-'09, Chairman.
Charles R. Rauch, 1906-'09, Secretary.
Charles F. Schwartz, 1904-'07, Treasurer.
William M. Constable, 1904-'07.
William A. Sterner, 1905-'08.
Morris L. Kindig, 1906-'08.
Rev. F. W. Stengel, ex officio.
7 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church

Fred. J. Rice, 1886, Chairman.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Riegel, 1890.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
G. Fred Krause, 1894.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Franklin S. Schwab, Jr., 1891.
Robert E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Archibald Johnston, 1891.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Frank E. Schneller, 1904.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Howard A. Riegel, 1896.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
George G. Schneller, 1904.
20 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel

Abraham R. Benner, 1886.
Franz Gerstner, 1886.
Anton Hesse, 1900.
3 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel

Clarence Reichel, Chairman, 1906.
Glenmore Mease, Secretary, 1906.
Ward Cruickshank, Treasurer, 1906.
Robert M. Heine, 1906.
Henry D. Desh, 1906.
Harrison Richter, 1906.
Philip Bernhardt, 1906.
Charles Kemper, 1906.
Arthur Hewett.
Henry Spiegler.
Herbert Cruickshank.
11 persons.

Janitors

Andreas Maurer, 1896, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Edward Steinbach, 1902, Assistant.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887, Laurel Street Chapel.
Jacob T. Albright, 1887, Congregation Office.
5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.
David Groman, 1878, Assistant.
2 persons.

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VII.—THE NECROLOGY.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Lydia Maria (Karte) King	August 8, 1852	December 13, 1905.
Carrie L. (Wuensche) Sensenbach	August 7, 1880	January 17, 1906.
Laura R. (Collins) Freudenberger	September 26, 1856	January 30, "
Laura Ernestine (Stolzenbach) Bischoff,	September 22, 1836	February 27, "
Flora Louisa (Reichel) Geisenderfer	September 26, 1876	March 3, "
Elizabeth Caroline (Weiss) Wolle	May 27, 1824	March 28, "
Christine (Mason) Weniger	January 3, 1821	April 10, "
Lilly Marietta (Williamson) Matz	February 20, 1867	April 25, "
Frederica (Horriegel) Frederick	August 17, 1832	May 30, "
Jennie May Evans	July 10, 1883	June 5, "
Frederick G. Hoffman	July 20, 1844	July 1, "
Alexander William Leslie Cruickshank	November 14, 1843	July 27, "
Frank Wolle Wilde	June 1, 1884	August 4, "
William Henry Buss	May 15, 1833	August 5, "
Robert Rau	November 4, 1844	July 30, "
Frederica Clara Adelaide Frueauff	September 19, 1842	September 23, "
Franklin Heller	June 2, 1879	September 27, "
Joseph Bernhardt	May 27, 1844	October 21, "
Michael Achenbach	March 29, 1838	October 28, "
Maria Louisa Schultz	December 19, 1833	November 8, "
John Adolphus Jerome Hartman	October 23, 1831	November 19, "
Florence Maria Dewey		1884 November 21, "

This roll covers the year, December 1, 1905, to November 30, 1906.

Of these 22 persons connected with the congregation all were communicant members.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of 3 other persons not connected with the congregation.

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Preface.

THE One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Elders of the Moravian Congregation at Bethlehem is herewith presented to the membership.

In accordance with the custom of recent years the period covered is that from December 1, 1906, to November 30, 1907; so that the statements of societies, etc., shall deal with the same period as the financial report laid before the Congregation at its annual Council in December.

The list of the Officials of the Congregation has, however, been corrected to the end of December, 1907, so as to embody the results of the election in that month.

The objects sought in this Report are accuracy and brevity. Any errors should be pointed out as soon as possible by those concerned, that they may not be perpetuated.

It will be well for each member to preserve the information here given. It will from time to time be required.

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THE MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

[ORGANIZED JUNE 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

(Corrected to the end of December, 1907.)

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS—F. William Stengel, 1901; Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.

BOARD OF ELDERS—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, ('06-'09); William S. Hermany, ('06-'09); George W. Riegel, ('05-'08); Albert G. Rau, ('05-'08); Emil J. Bishop, ('07-'10); Henry B. Schneller, ('07-'10).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President,* ('07-'10); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice President,* ('06-'09); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer,* ('05-'08); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary,* ('05-'08); Harry J. Meyers, ('05-'08); Aaron B. Levers, ('07-'10); William V. Knauss, ('06-'09); Allen J. Sterner, ('06-'09); George J. Grider, ('07-'10).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary,* ('07-'10); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer,* ('05-'08); Abraham C. Prince, ('06-'09); William F. Schneller, ('06-'09); Henry A. Krause, ('05-'08); G. William Riegel, ('07-'10).

ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President,* ('06-'11); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer,* ('05-'10); Abraham R. Benner,

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('07-'12); Matthew J. Schmid, ('03-'08); Harry B. Eggert, ('04-'09).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, J. Samuel Wolle, Frederick H. Wilhelm, (all '07-'08).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('07-'08).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('07-'08).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter, and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parentheses indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7.00 P.M., Evening service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7.30 P.M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8.30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues,

Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Friday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

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Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).
Tuesday: 4.30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.
Friday: 7.45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."
Sunday: 1.45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
6.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E. (Summer, 6.45 P.M.)
Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pages 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pages 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

It is a cause for much thankfulness to the Head of the Church that He has allowed us this entire year to meet in the hours of prayer and worship and meditation in the Word with happy regularity. There has been no serious illness whatever in the pastorate, to interfere, as in other years, with the stated services. Nor has there been any special epidemic in the congregation, to affect the assembling at the house of God. There has been a gratifying steadiness in the attendance at the services throughout the year, and the attention given to the Word has been an encouraging sign of spiritual interest. May the Lord pour His blessing upon the seed that His servants have sought to sow!

The seasons of special and multiplied services have shown their accustomed attractive power, and many have been the scattered members who have come home at these times, to sit in their former places in the sanctuary.

During the heated term, the months of July and August, there were no mid-week meetings, but they were resumed in September with quite good attendance. It may be here remarked, however, that surely a more general assembling in the middle of the work of the week, with its various trials, would bring larger blessing to the congregation. The quiet of the hour, the meditation on the portion of Scripture, the prayers and hymns, would each have a larger range of helpfulness, were the Old Chapel each week completely filled.

In general, however, it may be said that the year has been marked by continuous use of the ordinary means of grace, although there has been a firm desire to avoid falling into any rut of mere ceremonial or empty observance. And God has given a quiet blessing throughout the months.

The heavy losses in membership during the course of the year have reduced the numerical strength of the congregation, although the communicant membership still remains just over

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1500. The total number of accessions was 54, and the losses have been 70; the communicants therefore number 1501.

In the Central Church there have been 163 services recorded; in the Old Chapel, 94; in the West Side Chapel, 46; at Laurel Street, 90; total, 393.

The Register also shows the following numerical facts:

Infant baptisms in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; at the homes of parents, 29; total, 30

Adult baptisms, 0.

Confirmations in the Church, 24; at Laurel Street Chapel, 2; total, 26.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, 5; from other denominations, 19; total, 24.

Reinstatements, 4,

Marriages, in the Church, 1; at the parsonages or at other homes, 15; total, 16.

Funerals, in the Old Chapel, 6; at the late residences, 17; total, 23.

The regular Communion seasons have all been observed, and each of the covenanting choirs has also held its private celebration. The average attendance at the Communions in the English Communions has been 364; at the German, 97.

II.—THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

There has been a very happy continuance of the work of the three brethren who serve as ministers of the congregation, and now that the division of labor between them has come to be fully recognized by all parts of the community it has approved the system adopted several years ago.

It may be remarked that the characteristic of the year has perhaps been, more than anything else, the cordial spirit of co-operation with the ministers, on the part of the brethren of the congregation at large, looking toward the improvement of every form of activity, and the elimination of anything that might mar

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the Christian harmony that should prevail. The Boards of the whole congregation have carefully considered each proposition submitted; and the Chapel Committees of Oversight have from month to month conferred with the same end in view. So have other recent organizations sought to extend the principle of mutual support, linking together the stronger members for the benefit of the weaker, and for the purpose of creating a clearer atmosphere for spiritual life. In this connection we may refer to the Men's Association of the West Side, the Laurel Street Ushers' Association, and the quarterly Men's Meetings in the Central Church, which, drawing together each three months all the brethren of the congregation for the consideration of subjects and problems of vital interest to the congregation and community, allow of the fullest and freest discussion and thought.

It is most certainly true that no three men could successfully attempt to "run" a congregation like ours. The pastors have simply been called to be leaders in a good work, with the greatest variety of activities. The secret of a strong ministry must be the arousing of a nearty spirit of co-operation, with an enlarged range of individual forces, enlisted in one or another member, as he is brought into eager service of his fellows.

III.—THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

I.—The Sunday Schools.

It was possible last year to record that the steady decrease annually in the membership of our three Sunday Schools had ceased, a great encouragement to those thoughtful workers who examined into the statistics presented from time to time. We rejoice again to be able to point to a substantial growth numerically, for we now count 39 scholars and 3 teachers and officers more, together 42, or a total of 1086 persons connected with the Sunday School work of the congregations at the three centres. Adding 209 as the membership of the Central and West Side Home Departments, we have a grand total of 1295. We sincerely

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trust that the tide has turned toward a still greater growth than any that we have known, and it is certain that the spirit of co-operation between the several Schools, and between the teachers and scholars, which it is almost sure has been at least partially responsible for the improved returns at this time, is on the increase.

For years we have had a sad story to tell of a shrinkage in the lists of the children of the congregation, for in the older Moravian families the children are already grown up, and the exigencies of business have compelled many of the younger families to move to other cities. In ten years we have fallen off just 99 children! But if through the Sunday Schools and other agencies of the congregation influences can strongly be thrown into quarters not considered strictly denominational, and unreached homes and families can be brought under the power of the truth and into the service of the Church, we may yet see a great change in the story told of the young people.

The year closed with probably more eagerness in Sunday School work than for quite a good while, and we trust that the promise will be fulfilled in the months ahead.

There have been changes in the executive offices of two of the Schools, and these are mentioned in the reports of those Schools.

On July 20th all the Sunday school forces were merged for the picnic at Bellewood Park, as in the preceding year, but a furious rain-storm in the morning limited the attendance. Clearing off at noon, however, it did not mar the pleasure of the day for all those who were on the grounds.

A few words may, finally, be needed as to the purpose of the Home Department, and its opportunities. It is not a scheme of the Schools for adding to their treasuries, through the contributions asked for. It is simply an extension of the advantages of the Bible-school as widely as possible. Several things are attained: a greater unity in the study of the Word of God, the moral support that the Schools need in the families of their scholars, and the binding together of the interests of young and old by means of some definite spiritual effort, here made by concentration upon

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the assigned lessons, and the added opportunities afforded for conversation on matters concerning a deeper life by the visits of the Home Department representative.

A greater degree of co-operation is asked of the congregation at large during the new year.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

During the year it has again been found necessary to change Superintendents. Brother Robert E. Shafer, a student at the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, did not return to that institution in the fall, and therefore had to resign from the post he had held in the School since the preceding autumn. After much discussion it was resolved by the Teachers' Association to request the Pastor, Bro. A. D. Thaeler, to act as Superintendent, with the assistance of Bro. Paul de Schweinitz, until further developments of the work present the name of some layman within the congregation. The Elders confirmed the appointment with the just mentioned proviso, and the arrangement went into effect on Sunday, October 27. The teachers and scholars have all rallied splendidly to the Fall work, and the average attendance has been considerably larger latterly than for some time past.

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 166; female, 250; total, 416. Teachers and officers, male, 12; female, 24; total, 36. Total enrollment, 452, an increase of 11 over the report of last year. The average attendance, 282, remains, however, the same as last year.

During the year, through the removal from town of the Home Department Superintendent, Mrs. H. T. Clauder, the head of that part of the work had also to be changed, and Mrs. Mary E. Herbst accepted the post. There are now 116 names enrolled in the Home Department.

The expenses of the school during the year amounted to $297.40, and donations amounting to $675.53 have been made to various causes, including $300.00 repaid to the congregation on the still unclosed account of the Sunday School Building. Thus year by year that account is being gradually wiped out.

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During the year there also retired from service the veteran Secretary of the School, Bro. Charles H. Eggert, who had served in this capacity for some 30 years. He was honored by being continued as Secretary emeritus until the time of his call to the heavenly home, which occurred November 16.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Our School in the West Side Chapel may be reported as having enjoyed during the year a degree of success commensurate with expectations based on the results of former years. The average attendance for the whole year was 7 less than for 1906. The year has been a quiet one. During the Summer, in the absence of the Superintendent, Bro. Clarence E. Clewell, Bro. Wadsworth Doster efficiently filled his place.

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 130; female, 157; total, 287. Teachers and officers, male, 18; female, 19; total, 37. Total enrollment, 324, an increase of 6 over last year. Average attendance, 232. In the Home Department the figure remains the same, 93.

The expenses of the School for the year were $428.48, and the donations made, $157.14.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Pastor in charge of this Chapel has also been acting as Superintendent during the past year in the Sunday School, at the same time teaching the adult Bible-Class.

As will be seen by a glance at the subjoined report of the Secretary and comparison with last year's report, there has been a material gain in numbers, and the crowded condition of the Chapel during the sessions is beginning to be felt. Change after change has been made, to accommodate the increase, but the pressure is still severe.

Abstract from the report of the Secretary and the Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 130; female, 148; total, 278. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 17; total gain, 32. Total enrollment,

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310, a gain of 16 persons over last year's report. The average attendance is 5 higher than at the previous report, 205.

The expenses of the School were $203.47, and donations amounting to $125.00 were made to various causes.

II.—The Parochial School.

Often the best indication of health in an institution is that it continues steadily doing its work, maintaining each department at the normal. This has been the case during the past year with our congregation's school.

The enrollment numbers 247 at this time, consisting of 118 and 129 students. The number of teachers is one larger, 15, Miss Gertrude Shields having been appointed physical instructress for the girls. Mr. Peter Bouquel is physical instructor for the boys. The gymnasium has become a vital part of the life and work of the School, and is also used in the evenings, for various athletic games. In June 28 students were graduated, 20 boys and 8 girls.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$ 781 95
Tuition		5,914 40
Miscellaneous:		
From graduates for Diplomas, etc.	$ 56 00	
From Rental of Gymnasium	171 00	
Light and Fuel	49 00—	276 00
Board of Trustees: Appropriation for 1907		4,150 00
		$11,122 35

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and fuel	$ 380 41	
Miscellaneous Expenses	711 17	
Chemical Laboratory	21 20	
Gymnasium	221 33	
Books and Stationery	144 46	
Salaries	9,315 00	
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1907	328 78	$11,122 35

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, Treasurer.

IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the past year there were two special meetings, one meeting of the Board, and the annual business meeting. The address at the anniversary service held on Whit-Sunday evening, May 19, was delivered by the Rev. G. O. Heath, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The receipts, including the balance on hand December 1, 1906, were $383.01. Donations were made to the General Mission Treasury, the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem, the church at Basseterre, St. Kitts, the Kingston Church, Jamaica, and toward a bell for the church at Carmel, Jamaica. These gifts amounted to $303.68.

Twelve new members were added to the Society; and there were two deaths and three withdrawals. The membership is therefore at present 304.

Officers: President, Mrs. Caroline Detterer; First Vice President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Brunner; Librarian, Miss Mary Ann Rice; Collectors, and

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members of the Board of Managers, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Elizabeth Bigler, Mrs. Jane Luckenbach, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. H. C. Tacy, Mrs. James Yeakel, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Mary Ann Rice, Miss Helena de Schweinitz, and Miss Gertrude Shields.

2.—The Young Men's Missionary Society.

Organized September 7, 1840.

We can report a slightly larger membership this year, 275, there being on the active roll 162 names; on the associate, 60; and life, 53.

At a number of the monthly missionary meetings, held in connection with the mid-week services illustrated lectures were given. While the attendance was generally good on the part of the congregation and other friends, the interest manifested by members of the society ought to be greater.

The anniversary was held on Sunday, January 20, and the address was delivered by the Rev. John S. Romig, of Staten Island.

The donations of the year amounted to $105.00.

The officers for the year were: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice President, Robert Oerter; Secretary, Robert M. Heine; Treasurer, Arthur A. Davis.

Mr. Davis accepted missionary service in San Paulo, Brazil, in July, so Mr. Oerter filled his office of Treasurer in addition to his other duties.

3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

The meetings were held during the year at the home of the President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz. There is at this time a membership of 168, 157 being women and 11 men. Two members were lost through death, and a number removed from town.

The contribution of the Society to the General Mission Fund this year amounted to $115.00.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss Antoinette Prince; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; additional

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Collectors, Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Emily Lange, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Georgie Bishop, Miss Martha Bishop, Mrs. Sumter Forney.

4.—*The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.*

Organized May 10, 1881.

This Society, composed of all the pupils of the School, meets on the first Monday of each month. The sums contributed may seem to be small, but they are free-will offerings, and in many cases mean self-denial.

Membership: 118 male; 126 female.

Donations amounting to $29.00 were this year made from the Treasury to two missions. The Leper Hospital at Jerusalem received gifts twice, and the work in Alberta was also a beneficiary.

Officers: President, Charles Kemper; Vice President, Bertha Tallon; Secretary, Frances Roest; Treasurer, Frederick Groman.

5.—*The Home Mission Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 1865.

The Board of Directors held four meetings in the course of the year, to act on requests for special assistance. The annual business meeting was held after the evening service of Sunday, May 19, and the anniversary exercises took place on the evening of May 26. On this occasion the Rev. Thomas W. Shields, of York, Pa., addressed the congregation.

From the Treasurer's report we gather the following facts: The house-to-house canvass in May brought in $404.13; the Church and Chapel collections added $838.82; interest, $134.00. Stipends to Home Missionaries were increased to the amount of $675.00; Christmas donations distributed $175.00; and $699.59 was appropriated toward work in the Province at large and within the First District.

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Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice President, the Rev. F. W. Stengel; Recording Secretary, Augustus H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, the Rev. Henry A. Jacobson; other Directors, Harry B. Eggert, Henry A. Krause, Henry B. Schneller, Cornelius J. Gapp, Oliver A. Clewell, and the Rev. F. E. Lennox.

6.—The Alaska Auxiliary Society.

Founded April 16, 1884; organized November 28, 1888.

The name indicates the purpose of this organization, the agency by which the claims of the Alaska Mission are annually presented to the congregation, collectors making a canvass of all the membership.

The annual business meeting was held on Sunday evening, February 24.

The collectors gathered $474.80 in October, and the collection in the Church on New Year's Eve amounted to $55.18.

Officers: President, Julius D. Bishop; Vice President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, C. Otto Brunner; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*, Frank I. Klinker, Theodore Kampmann, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. A. J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Irene Ross.

The death of Bro. Charles H. Eggert, who had been associated with the Society from its organization, has left a vacancy in the Board.

7.—West Side Forward Missionary Movement.

The following is an abstract from the third annual statement, sent out in the early part of December:

The custom of observing a semi-annual Mission Day was again maintained. The brethren H. E. Rondthaler and S. H. Gapp were the speakers at the meetings in May, and Bro. E. S. Hagen, of Lititz, spoke at our meetings in November. A number of very interesting letters were received from our missionary representative, and copies of them have been sent into every Moravian home

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on the West Side, thus keeping them in close touch with the work on the field.

The cheering news has come from Kilimani-Urambo that, after twenty-five years of toil and sacrifice on the part of the missionaries, the first-fruits of what we trust may prove to be an abundant harvest have been gathered in. A small congregation consisting of the five men baptized in the Spring has been organized and is at work seeking to win others. There are inquirers and applicants for baptism, and the outlook is bright.

In view of these facts it is distressing to have to report even a slight falling off of contributions in place of the large increase hoped for during the year. The monthly contributions amounted to $192.89. The additions of the Sunday School and the Chapel Committee, and the collections of the Mission Day services brought the total up to $256.70.

There are at present only 26 regular and 10 occasional contributors out of a possible 200. How easily the $600 needed to assume full support of Bro. and Sr. Seibt could be raised if all were willing to set apart even a small sum monthly!

The Executive Committee consists of the Rev. H. J. Hartman, Secretary; E. J. Bishop, Treasurer, and the Rev. F. W. Stengel.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 8, 1889.

The receipts for the past year, while not as large as last year's, will still enable the Society to distribute not less than $300.00 to needy ministers and missionaries at Christmas time. Last Christmas the donations amounted to $430.00.

The number of honorary members remains the same, 14. In the active membership 5 dropped out and 3 new names were gained. There is therefore still room for more ladies of the congregation within the Society. Its active membership is now 22.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Schropp.

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2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

Organized October 9, 1881.

The Circle's membership remains practically what it was last year, with 11 active and 7 honorary members.

Working for the Theological Seminary, it was this year able to give that institution $250.00; and, in addition, it arranged for, and bore the expenses of, the public Reception given in Comenius Hall at the Centennial, October 2.

The Leader of the Circle is Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—*The Busy Workers.*

Organized March 1, 1884.

The membership of this organization has been somewhat increased during the year, and now counts 16 active and 18 honorary names.

The annual Fair, for which articles were being prepared throughout the year, was held on October 19, and from the proceeds the regular gifts were made to the causes which year by year are beneficiaries, and the balance was divided between certain home missionaries. The donations of the year were $250.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. R. Paul Stout; Vice President, Miss Alice Prince; Secretary, Mrs. Albert G. Rau; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Fred Krause.

4.—*The Twenty-Minute Society.*

Organized October, 1898.

The Society now numbers 20 active and 4 honorary members.

It sets itself the work each year of preparing a box of supplies for some home missionary family, and happy the family that at Thanksgiving receives this remembrance. Each article contributed is the result of sympathetic thought and practical household experience, and each member of the family is provided for. The box sent this year, together with the accompanying check, amounted in value to $368.53.

Seven stated meetings were held, in the homes of members.

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Officers: President, Mrs. Edward H. Jacobson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Pownall; Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Rau.

5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

The objects for which this organization was called into existence have been steadily kept in view during the year under review. A variety of efficient service has been rendered. The ladies connected with the Society have willingly and joyfully responded to every opportunity and need that was brought to their attention, and have been untiring in their efforts to promote the interests of the Chapel and to engage in any service that had to do with the welfare of the Church at large. As in former years they have regarded it a privilege to make the annual business meeting of the Chapel attendants an occasion for fellowship and cheer. The Society raised and disbursed $104.00 during the year.

Eighteen ladies are enlisted in this line of service. It might reasonably be expected that a much larger number should embrace the opportunity afforded by the Society for usefulness. The meet ings are held bi-weekly, in the Chapel.

Officers: Mrs. A. T. Doster, President; Mrs. J. F. Maynes, First Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Smith, Second Vice President; Mrs. E. J. Bishop, Secretary; Miss Isabel Doster, Treasurer.

6.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

Eighteen ladies attended the weekly meetings of the Society during the past year. Eleven quilts were made, and some plain sewing done for the Charity Organization.

As the Society held no public sale during the year the money earned was kept in the treasury, for the benefit of the Chapel Improvement Fund.

The Society furnished refreshments at the election of the Com-

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mittee of Oversight, and at the Reception tendered the new members in May.

Officers were elected at the annual meeting in September, as follows:

President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice President, Mrs. William Desh; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Borhek.

7.—The West Side Juvenile Workers.

Organized September 30, 1905.

The months have been marked by the steady pursuit of the practical object had in view by those who began this effort. The ability to do plain sewing well is a fundamental need of almost every housewife. Under modern conditions it so frequently happens that a girl's preparation for her later duties along this line is neglected. It is to meet this need that the band of workers who direct the activities of this organization devote time every Saturday afternoon. Between 40 and 50 girls are enrolled in the sewing classes. A short service of song adds interest to the meetings, and serves to make more familiar Moravian hymns and tunes. The ladies engaged are:

President, Mrs. Frey; Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Maynes; Treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Schwartz; Leader of the Singing, Miss Virginia Huebner; Mrs. Emma Meyers, Mrs. Emma Davis, Mrs. J. Beidelman, Mrs. H. Beidelman, Mrs. M. C. Fetter, Mrs. Mary Laub, Miss Sarah Jacoby.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Organized June 10, 1895 *First Circles formed in* 1887.

The general work of the Union as a whole has continued, namely, the support of a trained nurse, who is under the direction of a Nurse Committee, consisting of the wives of the three pastors. But the Union has also prepared and forwarded to the Leper Hospital in Surinam 987 bandages and several pounds of absorbent cotton. A large supply of eatables was also contributed to the Theological Seminary at a Thanksgiving offering. The

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various Circles sent comfort-bags to the Flower and Fruit Mission; boxes of household linens, etc., to home missionaries; flowers and meals to the sick; and valentines to poor children; besides helping needy families in other ways. It is a wide and varied work to which the members of the Order are committed.

The Union embraces at this time 23 Circles, with a total membership of 353. One Circle disbanded during the year.

The reported donations foot up to $373.07, set apart for the Theological Seminary, Local Charity, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and General Christian Objects. In addition, the nurse's salary and expenses have been met, amounting to $478.62.

The amount in the Permanent Nurse Fund is now $2350.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau; Vice Presidents, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Mrs. A. C. Prince, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie A. Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

During the year this organization, formed to keep the three Young People's Societies of our congregation and that of the South Bethlehem congregation in close touch and co-operation, suffered the loss of its President, who left College to enter the work of the ministry, and since then there have been no meetings, although all the component Societies have been continuing their individual work regularly. Recently there was a movement to reorganize the Union, and the coming year may show the same healthy vigor of which we could speak in 1906.

1.—West Side Young People's.

Organized June 15, 1888.

We must record a considerable shrinkage in the membership of this Society, due in some degree to the removal of student members. There are at present but 13 active members, 1 male and 12 female. The year has been marked, on the other hand, by

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faithfulness on the part of most of the remaining members. The weekly meetings have been blessed to those who have sought their help and inspiration.

Energetic efforts were made to secure new members, and the importance of getting the older members of the Junior Society into touch with the Young People's was particularly recognized. Steps were taken in that direction.

The amount raised for Missions was $31.42; and $7.45 was devoted to local expenses and other causes.

Officers: President, Miss Ella Stern; Vice President, Miss Mary Hackman; Recording Secretary, Miss Mabel Jacoby; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet Miksch; Treasurer, Miss Marguerite Eberman.

2.—*West Side Junior Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; *disbanded October*, 1893; *reorganized February* 21, 1896.

The work of this Society has been vigorously carried on by the same group of young ladies from the Young People's Society who have had charge for several years. There are at present 44 children enrolled, 12 boys and 32 girls.

The meetings are held at 4.15 P.M. each Friday, and are unquestionably an influence for good in the lives of the boys and girls who attend them.

The Society devoted $10.00 to Missions and $4.00 to other causes.

It is very much to be desired that parents should encourage their children to attend, and give those who are devoting themselves to this service every possible encouragement.

Officers: Superintendent, Miss Mary Steyers; Vice President and Secretary, Miss Marguerite Eberman; Miss Harriet Miksch, Treasurer and Organist.

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3.—*Central Young People's.*

Organized January 30, 1889; *reorganized April* 29, 1902.

Although a number of our active members have left town, the work has been blessed with increase, and many of those who before had been backward in taking part in the meetings have become earnest workers. There has been a general improvement.

The list contains the names of 29 active members; 15 male and 14 female. There are also 2 honorary members. In the Tenth Legion 25 members are counted, and 12 members are also "Comrades of the Quest Hour."

The expenses of the year were $39.43. The pledge of $50.00 toward the support of Bro. W. H. Weinland was more than met, and an increased pledge was made at the recent Convention, to be met in the coming year.

Officers: President, Robert Clauder, succeeded by Rufus Bishop; Vice President, Alfred Vogler; Secretary, Miss Alice I. Christ, succeeded by Miss Florence C. Tencate; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha Bishop; Treasurer, Joseph H. Smith.

4.—*Central Junior.*

Organized April 7, 1892.

During the Summer months the members of this Society saved enough money to purchase thirty new hymn-books. Many take an active part in the meetings, and seem to enjoy them.

Last Christmas the Society sent two large bundles of picture cards to St. Luke's Hospital and to the Children's Home. This Thanksgiving a box of groceries, potatoes, etc., was sent also to the latter institution.

The wish cannot but be expressed here again that parents would take an active interest in the Junior Society, and thereby assist those who have it in charge.

There are 22 members, 10 boys and 12 girls. Four members of the Young People's Society superintend the work, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Marian A. Beckel, Rufus Bishop and Alfred de G. Vogler.

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The Society met its missionary pledge of $10.00, and other dues and expenses amounted to $8.11.

5.—*Laurel Street Young People's.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

The regular meeting evening is Friday, and the meetings have been held throughout the year. The membership remains the same as last year, although there have been a number of changes in the lists. There are 19 active members, 8 male and 11 female; also 2 associate and 16 honorary. It was not felt at the last Convention that the Society could safely pledge as large an amount toward the support of our missionary representative, but $25.00 was promised. The amount raised this year for missionary purposes was $45.13. The expense amounted to $13.45.

Officers: President, Miss Helen Nonnemacher; Vice President, George Runner; Recording Secretary, Miss Mabel Hess; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stella Ehrgott; Treasurer, Robert Nonnemacher; Organist, Miss Ruby Kemper. These officers will serve for six months.

6.—*Laurel Street Junior.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

Owing to the temporary removal from town of our former Superintendent, Miss Annie C. Hirst, the Society was obliged to undergo a reorganization. The first meeting was held during the first week in October.

The Society has been as faithful as can be expected in answering to all calls, even financially trying to do its part. There are 18 members, 13 female and 5 male.

Toward the Union's missionary representative the Society gave $5.00.

Officers: President, Laura Kemper; Vice President, Helen Yost; Secretary, Hugh Kemper; Treasurer, Harold Matz; Organist, Helen Halteman.

Superintendent, Miss Ruby Kemper; Helpers, Mrs. William Halteman, Miss Stella Ehrgott, Taylor Van Vleck.

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E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

By May 1, 1908, the League will have occupied its present home, 57 Church Street, for 6 years, and it is still flourishing, although it is to be regretted that the proportion of Moravian members is not much larger. The rooms are conveniently near to the Sunday School, Church, and gymnasium, and any young man above 16 years of age, of good character, may become a member. The dues are 25 cents a month. The rooms are cozy and home-like, well heated and lighted. The latest and best magazines and papers are found on the reading table. There is also a dark-room for amateur photographers.

The privileges of the Parochial School's gymnasium are enjoyed by League members on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and basket-ball games are played by the Y. M. L. team nearly every Saturday night during the season. Last year the team won 13 out of 18 scheduled games. A regular physical instructor has charge of gymnasium practice on Tuesday evenings. During the Spring of 1907 the Pastor's Class met each alternate Sunday at the League, after Sunday evening service.

In addition the League has annually been providing a Course of Entertainments and Lectures. While the financial proceeds last year were small another Course is running this Winter, with more encouragement. They are evidence that the members of the League are entirely willing to do persistent and faithful work in the interests of the organization and the good it may be able to accomplish in the community.

On the evening of the Fourth of July there was a creditable Y. M. L. representation in the Civic Parade, two members on horseback leading the company.

The membership in good standing is 65. Some of the men in the Church who do not use the rooms are nevertheless supporting members, and their assistance is much appreciated.

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Officers: President, Fred. T. Beckel; Vice President, Frank C. Gapp; Secretary, Russell C. Sigley; Treasurer, Furman C. Bodder; fifth member of Executive Committee, George N. Bishop; Chairman House Committee, Howard L. Fatzinger; Chairman Gymnasium Committee, Frank C. Gapp.

Laurel Street Ushers' Association.

Organized October 1, 1906.

Though only a little over a year old, the Association is growing in numbers and strength. Besides furnishing ushers for the services at the Chapel, it is promoting a healthy interest in the work among the young men. It is also seeking to develop sociability among those who attend the Chapel services. The past year has been quite successful, and the outlook is encouraging.

A regular constitution has been adopted, and other steps taken toward making the organization permanent.

Officers: President, Clarence H. Reichel; Vice President, Arthur Hewitt; Secretary, Glenmore D. Mease; Treasurer, Ward Cruickshank.

V.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1906, to November 30, 1907, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$33,577 28
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	12,142 98
Total	$45,720 26

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2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$16,010 37	
From Land Rents	871 39	
From House Rents	1,918 35—	$18,000 11
Contributions of Members		3,716 10
Total Receipts		$22,516 21
Excess of Disbursements		291 45
		$22,807 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 751 90	
Repairs to Productive Property	437 46	
General Expenses	1,561 17—	$ 2,750 53
Donations		570 00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$ 4,889 68	
Repairs and Furniture	690 15—	5,579 83
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,200 00	
Archive Expenses	331 22	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard	667 33	
Repairs to Church Buildings; General	365 75	
Appropriations to Sunday-schools	675 00	
Parsonage Expenses	685 15	
Church Expenses, including salaries	9,982 85—	13,907 30
		$22,807 66

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3. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects, and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $194.51; Sunday School Classes, $52.83) ..... $	247 34
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $184.78; Sunday Schools, $81.23)	266 01
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $360.34; Sunday Schools, $43.28; Societies, $230.35)	633 97
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $666.76; Sunday Schools, $110.11; Societies, $100.00)	764 41
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Sunday Schools, $85.74; Societies, $678.67)	765 41
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $682.80; Sunday Schools, $80.84; Societies, $54.15)	817 79
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, (Collections, $175.00)	175 00
Home Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $815.64; Sunday Schools, $51.70; Societies, $1029.66)	1,897 00
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $189.82; Sunday Schools, $107.07; Societies, $460.49; individuals, $2135.00)	2,886 38
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Individuals, $821.00) .. $	821 00
All other causes, (Collections, $625.00)	625 00
Total for Enterprises of the Moravian Church	$10,010 77
General Christian Objects, (Collections, $131.03; Sunday Schools, $29.64; Societies, $113.45)	274 12
Provincial Revenue, (paid out of "Church-dues")	1,200 00
Congregation purposes, (not including $5083.20, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections, Church-dues and special efforts)	6,225 27
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$17,710 16

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4. Contribution of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 570 00
Derived by Societies from invested legacies	88 09
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	11,484 89
Total	$12,142 98

5. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1907, exclusive of Nisky Hill accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the Congregation	$22,610 18
Appropriated from income of Almoners	228 63
Appropriated from income of invested funds of Societies	88 09
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	17,710 16
Parochial School dues of non-Moravians	5,083 20
Grand total from income and contributions	$45,720 26

Perhaps a comment or two may be permitted, regarding the foregoing financial statement. In table 3 it will be found that the sum of contributions of the Congregation is somewhat in excess of that last year, $1,017.53. For some of the causes presented from time to time the contributions were decidedly smaller. In other cases they were correspondingly larger. Unfortunately weather conditions on the Sundays appointed for the collections have much to do with the giving. It would be well to remember that offerings may be added to the regular collections at any time, even if the donors are not able to attend the particular service in which the contributions are gathered.

With the communicant membership as a basis for computation, the per capita contribution for all causes is $11.13; and for all causes outside our own congregational work, $7.65; both being exclusive of all appropriations from funds.

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VI.—THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1907.

Church Members.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1906.	Increase during 1907						Decrease during 1907.				Totals, Nov. 30, 1907.
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received		Re-admitted	Died	Excluded.	Dismissed	Dropped.	
			Moravian	Non-Morav'n	Moravian	Non-Morav'n						
A.—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	647	0	5	5	3	7	3	13	1	7	18	631
Females	870	0	11	5	2	12	1	6	0	9	16	870
												1501
B.—Non-Communicants Over 13 Years, viz.:		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Males	58	2			2			0	5	0	11	46
Females	71	10			1			0	11	0	4	67
												113
C.—Children, viz:		Baptised.			Received			Died	Transferred to Non Communic'ts	Dismissed	Dropped	
Boys under 13 years	183	12			3			2	2	0	3	191
Girls under 13 years	173	8			1			2	10	0	13	157
Grand Total	2002											348

Grand Total Membership, November 30, 1907, 1962.

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B.—Distribution of Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		Non Resident		Souls		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Resident	Non Resident	Total
Married Couples	303	303	22	22	606	44	650
Married Men	57		13		57	13	70
Married Women		98		37	98	37	135
Widowers	35		2		35	2	37
Widows		119		13	119	13	132
Single Men	165		27		165	27	192
Single Women		255		16	255	16	271
Older Boys	7		0		7	0	7
Older Girls		7		0	7	0	7
Total Communicants	567	782	64	88	1349	152	1501

	Males	Females	Total
Resident Communicants	567	782	1349
Non-Resident Communicants	64	88	152
Total Communicants	631	870	1501
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	14		14
Single Women		14	14
Older Boys	32		32
Older Girls		53	53
Total Non-Communicants	46	67	113
CHILDREN.			
Resident	167	139	306
Non-Resident	24	18	42
Total Children	191	157	348
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	769	983	1752
Non Resident	99	111	210
Grand Total	868	1094	1962

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VII.—A REGISTER

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1907.

(Hand-book, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter

The Ministry

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council

Joseph A. Rice, 1899.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Henry B. Schneller, 1907.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03, '07.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1907.
9 persons.

The School Board

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
9 persons.

The Almoners

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1895.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
3 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885,
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868,
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904,
Secretary, 1907.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884.
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Jane Krause, 1896.

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Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Amandus Grube,
Lovefeast Helper, 1907.
25 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Julius Neumann, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
7 persons.

Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel.

William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
Morris Kindig, 1907.
4 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work

Officers, Central Sunday School

Rev. A. D. Thaeler,
Superintendent, 1907.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D.,
Assistant Superintendent, 1907.
Miss Lila Wenhold,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1905.
Miss Marian Beckel,
Asst. Supt. Primary Dept., 1907.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt. Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.
Clarence H. Boehm,
Treasurer, 1897.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler,
Pianist Primary Dept., 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, Librarian, 1906.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Julius D. Bishop, 1906.
Edmund deS. Brunner, 1907.
Robert M. Heine, 1907.
Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Samuel G. Stem, 1907.
Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Charles C. Badeau, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Eliza R. Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. Frederick E. Lennox, 1900.
Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Annie A. Becker, 1907.
Miss Mary A. Rice, 1903.
Miss Carrie Herbst, 1900.
Miss Georgie Bishop, 1904.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Miss Ella Luckenbach, 1905.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Antoinette Prince, 1902.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1907.
Miss Gertrude Shields, 1907.
Mrs. Rebecca B. Canam, 1907.
Miss Helen Lennox, 1907.
39 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School

Clarence E. Clewell,
Superintendent, 1906.
Wadsworth Doster,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1907.
Albert Constable, Secretary, 1907.
Charles Hackman,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Oliver H. Barres,
Asst. Secretary, 1898.
Edward E. Beitel,
Asst. Secretary, 1903.
Frank Miksch,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Raymond Wilhelm, Treasurer, 1907.
Paul H. Bishop, Librarian, 1905.
William Miksch,
Asst. Librarian, 1905.
Harry E. Kern, Organist, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Organist Primary Dept., 1901.
Mrs. Emma Meyers,
Supt. Home Dept., 1905.
Mrs. James F. Maynes, Asst., 1905.
Mrs. Ferdinand Dennig, Asst., 1905.
Mrs. Wm. Constable, Asst., 1906.
Mrs. Clayton Teter, Asst., 1906.
Mrs. James Hutchinson, Asst., 1906.
Mrs. Eugene Brunner, Asst. 1907.
Mrs. Chas. F. Schwartz, Asst., 1907.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School

Miss Lizzie Bush, 1890.
Miss Laura King, 1906.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1899.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1903.

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Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Mary Walters, 1905.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905.
Miss Ella Stern, 1904.
Miss Ella Wohlbach, 1904.
Miss Jennie Miller, 1903.
Miss Louise Bischoff, 1907.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Lillian Kildare, 1907.
Miss Bessie Eddinger, 1907.
Miss Nellie Moyer, 1907.
Miss Letitia Schrader, 1905.
Miss Alice Crist, 1907.
Mrs. M. Reginald Beck, 1902.
Mrs. Chas. F. Schwartz, 1907.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1898.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1898.
Raymond Schmich, 1906.
Edward Drebert, 1907.
Francis Hagen, 1907.
Archie Mann, 1907.
Carleton White, 1907.
Rev. Henry J. Hartman, 1904.
47 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Supt., 1907.
William Halteman, Secretary, 1904.
Clarence Reichel,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1887.
Mrs. William Halteman,
Asst. Supt. Primary Dept., 1903.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Herbst, 1896.
Charles Kemper, 1906.
Librarians.
Frank Ricksecker, Organist, 1906.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Organist Primary Dept., 1904.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Helen Nonnemacher, 1903.
Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Ella Fries, 1898.
Miss Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Ellen Ritter, 1899.
Miss Ruby Kemper, 1906.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Mrs. Weinland, 1902.
Mrs. Stoneback, 1903.
Mrs. Tilghman Quier, 1904.
Glenmore Mease, 1907.
Irwin Deer, 1906.
Arthur Ellis, 1906.
Robert M. Heine, 1907.
Arthur Hamilton, 1907.
George Runner, 1902.
Immanuel Mewaldt, 1906.
30 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School

Albert G. Rau, 1888,
Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888,
Vice Superintendent, 1904.
Paul E. Gross, 1904.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-'91, '95.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92,
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Miss Madeline Krieger, 1906.
Peter Boquel,
Physical Instructor, 1907.
Miss Gertrude Shields,
Physical Instructress, 1907.
15 persons.

Organists

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields, Old Chapel, 1900.
Parochial School, 1901.
Harry E. Kern,
West Side Chapel, 1906.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
West Side Primary Dept., 1900.
Miss Margaret Matz,
Laurel Street Primary Dept., 1904.
Joseph M. Leibert,
Pianist, Central Sunday School, 1905.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler, Pianist,
Primary Dept., Central S. S., 1905.
8 persons.

Trombonists

No ranos

Charles H. Neisser, 1884,
Leader, 1906.
Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896 (non resident).

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Altos

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Howard Koch, 1904.
Charles M. George (non resident).
Walter C. Horn, 1900 (non resident).

Tenor

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.

Bass

Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Frank J. Meyers, 1899.

15 persons.

Orchestra

Church

A. W. Weingartner, 1894.
E. B. Hoffman, 1903.
Jacob Hartzell, 1906.
Robert Renner, 1906.
George Pettinos, 1887.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
H. E. Kern, 1904.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Paul Ricksecker, 1905.
George Bilheimer, 1905.
Theo. A. Breedy, 1907.
H. S. Schultz, 1907.
M. Kommer, 1907.
Russell Sigley, 1905.
George Sigley, 1905.
Howard Haas, 1907.
Charles F. Bechtel,
Samuel C. Clewell, 1905.

19 persons.

Singers, Church

Sopranos

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marion Beckel, 1902.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Bessie Smith, 1904.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1905.
Mrs. Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Mrs. J. Samuel Krause, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Florence Settle, 1906.
Miss Daisy Reichard, 1906.
Miss S. Phillips, 1906.
Mrs. Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Miss Hortensia E. Krause, 1907.

Altos

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.
Miss Annie Ritter, 1902.
Miss Addie Clewell, 1905.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Marie Hesse, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Emily Krause, 1907.
Miss Brinker, 1907.
Miss Fannie Kunkel, 1907.
Mrs. David R. Smith, 1900.

Tenors

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
R. V. Eberman, 1902.
Fred. H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.

Basses

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Rev. Wm. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
Edwin E. Reinke, 1906.
Joseph E. Smith, 1906.
Ernest Andrews, 1907.
Herbert Ross, 1907.

52 persons.

Emergency Choir

Mrs. W. E. Doster, Leader.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox.
Miss Louise Rice.
Mrs. John F. Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. J. S. Krause.
Miss Mary A. Rice.
Miss Addie L. Clewell.
Miss Laura Belling.

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Mrs. George Weber, 1906.
Miss Ruby Kemper.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Miss Gertrude Shields.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler.
18 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel

Sopranos

Miss Lucy Grube, 1905.
Miss Emma Kern, 1905.
Mrs. F. W. Stengel, 1905.
Miss Ruth Degelow, 1907.
Miss Ida Walters, 1907.

Altos

Miss Virginia Huebner, 1905.
Miss J. Bachman, 1906.

Tenors

Charles Hafleigh, 1907.
Rev. Henry J. Hartman, 1906.

Basses

Joseph E. Smith, 1902.
Earl Morgan, 1906.
11 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel

Sopranos

Mrs. William Stoneback, 1898.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1907.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.

Altos

Miss Daisy Stocker, 1905.
Miss A. Ruby Kemper, 1907.
Miss Anna Hoch, 1907.

Tenors

Paul E. Ricksecker, 1907.
Clarence E. Rominger, 1907.

Basses

Charles F. Kemper, 1907.
Taylor Van Vleck.
10 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel,

James Yeakel, 1906-'09, Chairman.
H. C. Tacy, 1907-'10, Secretary.
William Halteman, 1905-'08, Treasurer.
Henry B. Schneller, 1905-'08.
Henry C. Huettig, 1906-'09.
Glenmore Mease, 1907-'10.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex officio.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel.

Augustus W. Schmich, 1906-'09, Chairman.
Charles R. Rauch, 1906-'09, Secretary.
Joseph E. Smith, 1907-'10, Treasurer.
Morris L. Kindig, 1906-'08.
James F. Maynes, 1907-'08.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1907-'10.
The Rev. F. W. Stengel, ex officio.
7 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Fred. J. Rice, 1886, Chairman.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886
G. Willitm Eberman, 1896.
Franklin S. Schwab, 1891.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
George G. Schneller, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer Ruth, 1906.
Charles C. Badeau, 1907.
J. A. Crawford, 1907.
20 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1886.
Franz Gerstner, 1886.
Anton Hesse, 1900.
3 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

Clarence H. Reichel, President, 1906.
Arthur Hewitt, Vice President, 1906.
Glenmore Mease, Secretary, 1906.
Ward Cruickshank, Treasurer, 1906.
Harrison Richter, 1906.
Robert M. Heine, 1906.
Frank B. Ricksecker, 1907.
Paul Ricksecker, 1907.
R. Fred. Mease, 1907.
William Derr, 1907.
Herbert Ross, 1907.
Clarence Rominger, 1907.

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Arthur Kemper, 1907.
John Heine, 1907.
Russell Sigley, 1907.
15 persons.

Janitors.

Amandus Grube, 1907, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Edward Steinbach, 1902, Assistant.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.

Herbert Herbst, 1887, Laurel Street Chapel.
Jacob T. Albright, 1887, Congregation Office.
5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries.

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.
David Groman, 1878, Assistant.
2 persons.

VIII.—NECROLOGY.

Name.	*Born*	*Died.*
Lucinda Frederica (Schmidt) Kratzer.	November 18, 1832	December 10, 1906.
Maria I. (Ziemanns) Burkhardt	April 10, 1834	December 21, 1906.
David Oliver Luckenbach	August 7, 1833	December 28, 1906.
Adeline Marie (Fradeneck) Schmid	February 18, 1839	January 21, 1907.
Fannie Goery	October 12, 1830	January 27, 1907.
Robert Lawrence Mease	February 20, 1906	February 10, 1907.
Emilius Franklin Fradeneck	May 20, 1836	February 14, 1907.
Thomas McD. Hirst	October 25, 1827	February 21, 1907.
Emanuel Cornelius Ricksecker	September 20, 1830	March 23, 1907.
Margaret Elizabeth Schultze	January 17, 1907	April 13, 1907.
Franklin William Bush	March 28, 1907	April 30, 1907.
Clarence Oliver Luckenbach	June 24, 1873	May 25, 1907.
Dorothy Adele Bruch	October 7, 1906	June 22, 1907.
Andreas Maurer	July 4, 1847	July 1, 1907.
John Herman Fuenfstueck	July 13, 1863	July 18, 1907.
Howard Henry Jacoby	January 30, 1883	August 5, 1907.
Herman Shober Grosh	February 7, 1839	August 22, 1907.
Ann Eliza Reich	August 16, 1834	August 25, 1907.
Benjamin Henry Riegel	January 8, 1836	September 13, 1907.
Gilbert Bishop	March 20, 1817	September 23, 1907.
Albert John Belling	January 19, 1846	October 17, 1907.
Charles Henry Eggert	May 2, 1831	November 16, 1907.
Louisa Rebecca Bauer	January 28, 1838	November 25, 1907.

This enrollment of our departed covers the year December 1, 1906, to November 30, 1907.

Of these 23 persons connected with the congregation 19 were communicant members, and 4 were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of 7 persons not connected with the congregation.

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PREFACE.

THE Board of Elders herewith presents to the membership the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation at Bethlehem, Pa.

There may be in it matter of interest for a general reading, but its chief value will be found in its being a handy compendium of all the activities of the congregation. Accuracy has been sought in every particular, therefore any error should at once be pointed out, for correction in future Reports.

The period covered is that from December 1, 1907, to November 30, 1908, all sub-reports of Societies, etc., ending with the latter date.

The list of officials of the congregation, however, on pages 2 and 3, have been corrected to the end of December, 1908, for accuracy of reference during the present year.

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THE MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF BETHLEHEM, PA.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

(Corrected to the end of December, 1908.)

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* C. Otto Brunner, ('06-'09); William S. Hermany, ('06-'09); George W. Riegel, ('08-'11), Albert G. Rau, ('08-'11); Emil J. Bishop, ('07-'10); Henry B. Schneller, ('07-'10).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President,* ('07-'10); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice President,* ('06-'09); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer,* ('08-'11); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary,* ('08-'11); Harry J. Meyers, ('08-'11); Aaron B. Levers, ('07-'10); William F. Knauss, ('06-'09); Allen J. Sterner, ('06-'09); George J. Grider, ('07-'10).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary,* ('07-'10); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer,* ('08-'11); Abraham C. Prince, ('06-'09); William F. Schneller, ('06-'09); Henry A. Krause, ('08-'11); J. William Riegel, ('07-'10.)

ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President,* ('06-'11); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer,* ('05-'10); Abraham R. Benner,

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('07-'12); Matthew J. Schmid, ('07-'13); Harry B. Eggert, ('04-'09).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Franklin H. Brunner, Frederick H. Wilhelm, (all '08-'09).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph A. Rice, ('08-'09).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('08-'09).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter (Hand-Book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter, and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws (Handbook, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WEEKLY SERVICES.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7.00 P.M., Evening service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7.30 P.M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8.30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Friday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

Saturday: 2.30 P.M., Meeting of the Juvenile Workers.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

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Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School,
10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Tuesday: 4.30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1.45 P. M., The Central Sunday School.
6.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E. (Summer, 6.45 P.M.)

Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

HOLY COMMUNION.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

LOVE-FEASTS.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

FESTAL EVE SERVICES.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

MORNING PRAYER.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I.—THE PUBLIC MEANS OF GRACE.

What was said last year in this department of our Report might be rewritten as the review of the year we have just closed.

The Apostle Paul declared that "it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe." It would be difficult to conceive of a congregation of Christian believers held together in spiritual health and earnest activity without the constant stimulus of the preached Word. Rightly, therefore, does it occupy the most prominent place in our thought and care.

Good health has allowed all the pastors to continue their stated ministrations without an interruption. The regular and special services have drawn steady attendance. There was a time when vast crowds beset the doors of the sanctuary on special occasions, attracted, it is feared, rather by curiosity than deep spiritual interest; and at such times our own membership often found itself crowded out. This tendency has been distinctly discouraged with the result that extraordinary events have still been marked by fully occupied sittings, but they are no longer regarded as "show occasions," and to the same degree the interest of the membership itself has been revived.

The regular meetings have been well attended during 1908, and in general the attention paid to the preaching of the Word of God has markedly honored it.

During the hot months there were no mid-week services. While Synod was in session, also, the Chapels were closed, the congregation uniting in the services held in the Church. Otherwise there has been no departure from the regular schedule of hours of prayer and worship.

The Holy Communion celebrated during the Passion Week this year was attended by a larger congregation than any of which record can be found, 739 partaking of the elements on the evening of Maundy Thursday alone.

The State Convention of the King's Daughters during the month of May may also fairly be reckoned a means of grace, for the two days' meeting of devout and active Christian women

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from all parts of the State with our own 350 "Daughters of the King" has left a deep impression upon the life of the congregation.

There have been not a few changes in the membership, but it is pleasing again to be able to indicate a numerical advance in the communicant registration. The total number of communicant accessions was 81, and the losses have been 49. Therefore the communicant lists represent 1533 persons.

In the Central Church there have been 166 services recorded; in the Old Chapel, 86; in the West Side Chapel, 44; at Laurel Street, 83; total, 379.

From the Register the following facts of interest are culled:

Infant baptisms, at the homes of parents, 26, (5 being children of non-Moravians).

Adult baptisms, in the church, 5; in Laurel Street Chapel, 1; total, 6.

Confirmations, in the church, 35; at Laurel Street Chapel, 6; total, 41.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, 5; from other denominations, 23; total, 28.

Readmissions, 6.

Marriages, at Laurel Street Chapel, 1; at the parsonages or at other homes, 11; total, 12.

Funerals, in the church, 3; in the Old Chapel, 1; from the late residences, 18; total, 22.

Other statistics can be found on page 35, in the tables there set forth.

The average attendance at the Communions (English) has been 363; at those in the German language, 86.

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II.—THE PASTORATE AND PASTORAL WORK.

There has been no noteworthy change in the relationships which have now for several years existed between the pastors and the work committed to them respectively.

For the better oversight of the work in the northern section of Bethlehem, Bro. Kemper, who has particular charge of the field at and about Laurel Street, during February moved into the comfortable new parsonage erected by the congregation on North Main Street, conveniently near to the Laurel Street Chapel. This has strongly tended toward a solidification of the work at that point. We shall later make mention of the remarkable increase of Sunday School attendance.

Throughout the congregation, it may be said, there has been a period of good feeling, mutual sympathy in difficulties, and devotion to the common cause.

The quarterly meetings of the men of the congregation have been held, affording opportunities for the more general and frank discussion of matters of concern to the Church.

Since the covenant day of the Single Brethren, also, meetings of the young men have been held each Sunday evening, to deal with problems and perplexities perhaps peculiar to young manhood.

These things denote developments of great importance in the establishment of situations in which the pastors, who are but human leaders of a great work, may find scope for that kind of activity which is distinctly theirs.

The one suggestion which the pastorate would commend to the congregation at this time is that cases of sickness should be more promptly reported to one or another of the ministers, for it has not infrequently happened that illness has been long-continued without any knowledge of it by the pastors. It is an assurance given with the greatest earnestness, that all are glad to learn of any occasion on which individual pastoral attention can be shown to any member of the entire congregation, or anywhere in the community at large.

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III.—THE SCHOOLS OF THE CONGREGATION.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There is no single department of all our Church's work which should demand more of our careful attention than this great interest, the Sunday Schools.

We are again encouraged, in summarizing the reports of the three Schools, to find that there has been a slight numerical advance. Last November we counted up a total membership in the Schools of 1086. This year 1097 teachers and scholars are reported. The two Home Departments have advanced 24 also, so the grand total of those connected with Sunday School instruction in the congregation is 1330, 40 more than last year. But it should be noted that all the numerical advance in the Schools themselves has been at Laurel Street. The enrollment of the Central School is 15 less than at the last report; and that of the West Side School, 17 less. A remarkable increase of 43 at Laurel Street is responsible for the good showing in the totals. A special effort made during the Fall added 36 names to the roll of the Central Home Department.

It is plain that we are in the midst of a period of transition in our Sunday School work. It is high time that we awake to the need of facing the situation as a grave problem, and bring to bear upon it all the wisdom possible. Scarcely a worker can be found who considers either the general scope of the Sunday School, or his own part in it, satisfactory. Yet individually no one is able to alter the case very much.

Further, the shrinkage is not the most serious part of the Sunday School problem. It is a sad confession that, in only too many instances, the Sunday School has not succeeded in bringing about either a love for the Sacred Scriptures or an accurate knowledge of them. The underlying system has been slip-shod, and all the personal efforts of wide-awake teachers have been unable to overcome the weakness to a noticeable extent.

Of course, the primary weakness has developed in the home itself, in the woeful lack of religious instruction of the children

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there. The Sunday School has grown up with the idea of doing supplementary work, and has counted upon the primary and foundation work in the home. The break-down in the home-school now demands a reconstruction in the entire system of instruction in the Sunday School, if the same high objects are to be kept in view. There is this element of encouragement and hope in the situation, that the corps of teachers and officers constitute a company of men and women who are thoroughly devoted to the service they have entered. But they are waiting for some Moses who shall lead out of the wilderness of aimless wanderings and gropings, into the place of certainty and assurance.

Sometimes criticisms are made of a particular situation, that it is not a revision of the system of work which is demanded, but a renewal of the spirit of the workers. The very opposite is here the case. The spirit of the workers is above criticism, taken as a whole. But a complete revolution is necessary in the plan of work prescribed. A clear-headed examination of the results attained at present, a comparison with those of former days, and a humble learning of those who have, in other places, already begun to develope along the better lines,—these are matters with which the congregation at large should be most deeply concerned.

May the year 1909 be able to record vast improvements and at least the beginnings of results in which the whole Church may rejoice!

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The same arrangement with which the past year was begun, namely, that Bro. Thaeler act as Superintendent, with the assistance of Bro. Paul de Schweinitz, continued throughout the year. It is confessedly not the ideal plan, but it has been found necessary to continue it for the present, since no layman has arisen to the work. There are many occasions when the Pastor should be entirely free from this form of service; and also others when he could probably be of more help if he were called upon

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in his distinctive office as Pastor. We hope that the months ahead of us may present an adequate solution of the problem involved.

The year has, however, been one of profit. A series of talks on Church History was given by Bro. Wm. N. Schwarze, Professor of History at the Moravian College, in connection with the Memorial Days of the Church Year and the recurring covenant and festal days. In addition to these, in most of the older classes studies in the more ancient Church History were taken up, with the view to establish at least certain memorable facts prior to, and relating to, the establishment of the Moravian Church. These studies are to be continued, but hereafter the Superintendent will drill from the desk.

The stereopticon has been made use of during the year, in connection with reviews.

The Home Department, through special efforts last Fall, secured 36 new names, so that the enrollment here is now 140, with Mrs. Mary E. Herbst as Superintendent.

The Secretary and Treasurer report the following additional figures: Scholars, male, 145; female, 252; total, 397. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 25; total, 40. Total enrollment, male, 160; female, 277; together, 437. Average attendance, 280.

There have been some weaknesses here manifested, we are sorry to note. There are 21 less boys enrolled than last year, principally due, probably, to the difficulty in securing male teachers. Removals from town have taken several valuable teachers from the force, and their places are hard to fill. The decrease of total membership from last year's figures is therefore 15.

The expenses of the school have been $323.00, and donations amounting to $703.50 have been made to various causes. Included in this amount is the repayment to the Trustees of the congregation of $300.00, the last payment on the account of the Sunday School Building. As soon as the Trustees find it possible

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to close that account entirely, every obstacle, even technical, in the way of the dedication of the building shall have been removed.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The burden of those charged with the conduct of this enterprise of the congregation, one that should lie close to its heart and be nourished most carefully, has been heavier by reason of a lack especially of older and more experienced volunteers, ready to devote themselves to the sacred work of teaching, and of winning the boys and girls for Christ through the Sunday School. In every school there are classes which need what only older and more experienced Christians can give them. In view of the ends to be attained, it is to be deplored that there are not more who are willing to make the sacrifice involved. A number of young people have had to be drafted from among the scholars to supply the need for teachers. It has been a real and perplexing problem, from Sunday to Sunday, to supply all the classes with teachers, and no doubt some of them have suffered on account of the uncertainty.

This may be responsible, in part, for the shrinkage of 15 in the total enrollment of scholars. To offset this there has been an increase of 15 over last year in the average attendance. It now stands at 247.

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 130; female, 142; total, 272. Teachers and officers, male, 18; female, 17; total, 35. Total enrollment, 307. Average attendance, 247.

In the Home Department there are 93.

The School expended upon its own needs, $356.40; and contributed $245.58 to benevolent causes.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Pastor in charge of this Chapel is still acting as Superintendent of the Sunday School, but has been relieved of the teach-

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ing of the Adult Bible Class. The School has continued to increase in numbers, as will be noted from the subjoined report. A gain of 43 in the total membership, and of 24 in the average attendance, is a report which encourages. The serious problem to be solved is, how to secure room to accommodate the increasing attendance. The limit has been reached. All available space in the building is now taken up, and it can no longer be said, "And yet there is room!"

Abstract from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 164; female, 158; total, 322. Teachers and officers, male, 17; female, 14; total, 31. Total enrollment, 353. The average attendance is 229.

Expenses during the year, $215.13. Donations were made amounting to $135.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

Although the financial uncertainty of the past year has had much to do with the somewhat smaller attendance at the Parochial School, there has been less falling off than was feared. The enrollment at the end of November was 237, 118 boys and 119 girls. There are still 15 teachers.

Changes, however, have been made in the department of physical instruction. Miss Hazel Stevens, prepared for her work by a two years' course in New York City, has been appointed physical instructress of all the girls; while Mr. Peter Boquel, who last year had given certain hours to work in the gymnasium, now devotes all his time to the boys, in the same department.

Miss Marie Constantin has taken the place, in the French Department, of Miss Krieger.

The development of a Commercial Department has also been begun.

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Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 328 78
Tuition :—	
Moravian	834 20
Non-Moravian	5,038 40
Gymnasium Fees	213 25
Books and Stationery	87 50
Light and Fuel	24 02
Rebate	3 84
Board of Trustees, on account of 1908 Appropriation	510 00
Total	$11,629 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries	$ 9,323 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	942 59
Light and Fuel	467 32
Books and Stationery	288 59
Gymnasium	223 54
Chemical Laboratory	40 35
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1908	344 60
Total	$11,629 99

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, *Treasurer.*

IV.—THE SOCIETIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year there were three special meetings, one meeting of the Board, besides the annual business meeting.

The address at the anniversary service, held on Whitsunday evening, June 7th, was delivered by Bishop J. Taylor Hamilton.

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who had just returned from a visitation to several of our Mission Fields.

The receipts, including the balance on hand December 1, 1907, were $493.61. Donations, aggregating $355.65, were made to the General Mission Fund, the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, to Demerara and to the Kingston Church, Jamaica.

Eight deaths reduced the membership of the Society, but three new names were added, therefore the enrollment is at present 299.

Officers: President, Mrs. Caroline Detterer; First Vice President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Miss Mary Ann Rice; Collectors: Mrs. Jane Luckenbach, Mrs. Augustus Schultze, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. James Yeakel, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. A. Hartmann, Mrs. H. Hartmann, Mrs. David Groman, Miss Mary Ann Rice, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Martha Bishop.

2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The year now closed has been one marked by a decided increase of missionary interest among our young men and consequently the report can show wider activity on the part of the Society.

At the anniversary service in January Bro. E. S. Wolle delivered the address.

Several illustrated lectures were given at the monthly missionary meetings arranged by the Society on Wednesday evenings.

The rooms long held by the Society on South Main Street have been sufficiently rearranged to be used once more by visitors to the exceedingly interesting Museum owned by the Society. Any officer of the Society will be glad to show visitors through, at any time. But the activity which has aroused the greatest interest of the year was the assumption of the support of Brother and Sister Herbert Cruickshank, in South Africa, called to service in the

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Training School at Genadendal. Stimulated by the thought of having our own personal representatives in the distant field, subscriptions toward their support were gathered by a Committee, both among the members of the Society and in the membership of the congregation generally. The completion of the project is assured, since only a comparatively small portion of the fund still remains to be raised. This foreign interest has, as usual, reacted upon the Society itself, and has increased its life and strength. The active membership now numbers 156; the associate, 60; and the life, 83; a total of 299.

In addition to the subscriptions noted above, donations amounting to $80.00 were made.

In accordance with the terms of a bequest of the late Bro. J. Augustus Rice, 30 of our ministers were made life-members of the Society during the course of the Spring.

Officers for the past year: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice President, Robert Oerter; Recording Secretary, Robert M. Heine; Corresponding Secretary, Paul E. Gross; Treasurer, Oliver M. Barres.

3.—The Mite Society.

***Organized in* 1878.**

The collectors have on their lists 161 contributors to this Society, 147 being women and 14 men.

Two meetings were held at the home of the President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz, and at both there was a good attendance. The sum of $114.00 was given to the General Mission Treasury.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss Antoinette Prince; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; additional Collectors, Mrs. Albert G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Anita Bailey, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Georgie Bishop, Miss Martha Bishop, and Mrs. Sumter Forney.

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4.—*The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.*

***Organized May* 10, 1881.**

This Society is composed of all the pupils of the School, and meets on the first Monday of each month.

Membership, 117 boys and 120 girls.

In January $10 was given to the Church at Kingston, Jamaica; $5.00 more was contributed for bandages for the Leper Hospital; and in June $11.55 was given to the Alberta Mission; a total of $26.55.

Officers: President, Russell Olpp; Vice President, Frances Roest; Secretary, Helen Gray; Treasurer, Ben E. Cole.

5.—*The Home Mission Society.*

***Founded March* 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 1865.**

Three meetings of the Board of Directors attended to the business of the year. The annual business meeting, with election of officers, took place on May 17th, and the anniversary meeting on the evening of June 14th. On this occasion the address was delivered by Bro. Samuel C. Albright, of Coopersburg, Pa.

The treasury felt the financial depression of the year. The collections in the Church and Chapels were $615.96. The house-to-house canvass in May brought in $374.90; the anniversary collection, $62.76; and interest, $134.00. The income, therefore, of the year amounted to $1112.05.

Stipends amounting to $600.00 were paid to home missionaries; Christmas donations were given, amounting to $100.00; the making up of the Provincial quota for Home Mission work called for $545.39, and $175.00 was given for the extension of missionary work in the First District. The expenditures exceeded the income by $192.14.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice President, the Rev. F. W. Stengel; Recording Secretary, Augustus H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, the Rev. Henry A. Jacobson; other Directors, Harry B. Eggert, O. A.

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Clewell, F. E. Lennox, Cornelius J. Gapp, Henry A. Krause, Henry B. Schneller.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; organised November 28, 1888.

The annual business meeting, for the election of officers, was held on the evening of Sunday, February 9, after the service in the church.

The Collectors made their house-to-house canvass in October, gathering $455.25. The New Year's Eve offering was $53.05.

Officers: President, Edwin P. Bishop; Vice President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, C. Otto Brunner; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*, Frank I. Klinker, Theo. Kampmann, Charles H. Wenhold, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Irene Ross.

7.—*West Side Forward Missionary Movement.*

Because of the prevailing financial stringency it was feared that there might be a decided falling off of gifts this year toward the support of our representatives at Kilimani-Urambo, German East Africa. But, fortunately, instead of this there has been a very welcome increase in the total over last year, despite the fact that there has been no gain in the number of those to whom this effort, to establish a closer touch between the workers out in the field and the supporters at home, has appealed. There are 23 regular and 11 occasional contributors. The Sunday School and the Ladies' Aid Society have also had a share in this work. Very interesting letters have been received from Brother Seibt, and copies have been sent into every Moravian home on the West Side. The cheering news of an increased number of converts ought to be a stimulus to giving, and the recital of the difficulties and discouragements that confront the missionaries ought to give point and earnestness to our prayers.

The aim kept in view by those behind this movement is to

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have every Moravian on the West Side take an interest in the work being done in German East Africa, and to have a personal share both in its support and in the joy of being instrumental in winning souls for the Master.

This year $292.95 was contributed, about half the amount required for the assumption of the entire support of Bro. and Sr. Seibt. It would require but a moderate contribution per month on the part of each to accomplish this,—if all would do something!

The Executive Committee consists of the Brethren E. J. Bishop, Treasurer; H. J. Hartmann, Secretary; and F. W. Stengel.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The year has been a prosperous one, despite the difficulties which have faced all organizations and the congregation itself. Two of the 14 honorary members departed this life, but two others were gained. The active membership has been increased, and is now 25. Donations were made to home missionaries amounting to $356.08.

The interest in the work has been steadily maintained throughout the year.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Schropp.

2.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

Also in this Circle there has been a slight increase in membership, being now 13 active and 9 honorary.

The Theological Seminary is the object for which the Circle is steadily at work, and that institution received $300.00 as the result of the efforts of the ladies.

Leader, Miss Caroline Stadiger.

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3.—*The Busy Workers.*

***Organized March* 1, 1884.**

Again this year an increase both of the working force of the membership and of honorary members can be reported. There are 20 actice and 20 honorary members in the Society. The annual Fair was a great success, which made possible the giving of the usual donations and others besides.

Alaska, Home Missions and Theological Seminary each received $50.00, and $280.00 was given to various home missionaries: a total of $430.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. R. Paul Stout; Vice President, Miss Alice Prince; Secretary, Mrs. Albert G. Rau; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Fred. Krause.

4.—*The Twenty Minute Society.*

***Organized October*, 1893.**

The membership remains the same as last year, 20 active, and 4 honorary.

Two boxes of clothing and household supplies were again sionaries, together with comfortable checks. The valuation, including the checks, was $400.00.

Eight meetings were held during the course of the year.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward H. Jacobson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Pownall; Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Rau.

5.—*The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.*

***Organized April* 2, 1903.**

The sixteen ladies who comprise the membership of this organization again have done much work which proves their right to be called an Aid Society. They have not only been an effective aid to the Chapel, but have engaged in a wide range of service. Their "charity began at home," but like all true charity it did not halt there. It found its way to far-off Africa, as well as into the homes of the sick and needy nearby. Sick-rooms were

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brightened and their inmates cheered by their thoughtful provision of flowers—fragrant ministers of God. No words of praise need be written here, for the work done brings its own reward. Would that a larger number of ladies might avail themselves of this means of service! During the year the Society raised $95.97.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; First Vice President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Isabel Doster.

6.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

Twenty ladies are enrolled in the Society, which meets biweekly at the Chapel, to quilt and to do other plain sewing. Eight quilts were made, together with a number of other articles, during the year. In June a cake sale was held, which enabled the Society to donate to the Moravian College Endowment Fund $25.00. At Christmas $10.00 was given to the Choir. Refreshments were furnished at the annual business meeting of the attendants at the Chapel, and also at the reception given to the new members, some time after Palm Sunday.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice President, Mrs. William Desh; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Borhek.

7.—The West Side Juvenile Workers.

Organized September 30, 1905.

The last twelve months have been marked by the same faithful devotion to good work which the ladies, thus banded, have set themselves to do. Between 25 and 30 young girls have enjoyed the advantages of instruction in plain and fancy needle-work, each Saturday afternoon.

Not only has skill in the use of the needle been sought, but the making of tuneful melody to the Lord has also come in for a share of attention. The sewing classes resolve themselves at each session for a short time into a singing class, under the leadership of Miss Virginia Huebener.

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During the year a very pleasant evening was spent, at the invitation of this organization, at the Chapel, an interesting program being rendered with the assistance of members of the Young Men's Bible Class.

The Treasurer reports receipts to the amount of $40.94.

Officers: President, Mrs. Frey; Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Maynes; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Beidelman; Instructors, Mrs. Emma Meyers, Mrs. Emma Davis, Mrs. C. F. Schwarze, Mrs. C. C. Teter, Miss Sarah Jacoby, Miss Schall, Miss Virginia Huebener.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Organized June 10, 1805. First Circles formed in 1887.

The Union comprises 23 Circles, with a membership of 346.

Its general work has continued, the supporting of a trained nurse, who has rendered untiring service wherever a need was presented through the Nurse Committee. But, in addition, the Union has supplied the Leper Hospital in Surinam with 1526 bandages, cotton and soap; has sent 25 comfort-bags to the Home for Incurables; and a large supply of eatables at Thanksgiving to the Theological Seminary. The various Circles have found large scope also for their kindliness, sending flowers to the sick, filling boxes with clothing and household linens for home missionaries, paying for mending at the Theological Seminary, trimming Christmas trees for children, paying rent for needy persons, and sending dinners here and there, etc.

The donations, as far as reported, amount to $435.02. The expenses called for $546.34. The amount now in the Permanent Nurse Fund is $2365.00.

In May the Union entertained the State Convention of King's Daughters, and thereby received a strong stimulus along the best lines of Christian effort and life.

Officers: President, Mrs. E. A. Rau; Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. M. Levering, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Mrs. A. C. Prince; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

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D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

The Union, which last year had suffered the loss of its President and, for a while, had lapsed into inactivity, this year resumed its regular meetings, under newly elected officers. Robert M. Heine is now President.

Quarterly meetings have been held in each of the places of worship in turn, and an occasional social hour, to which other near-by Societies have been invited, have also maintained the interest in each group in the others.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

The past year has been marked by signal faithfulness on the part of the members of this Society, who, undiscouraged by fewness in number, have striven earnestly to make their work tell for Christ. Energetic efforts were made to induce other young these efforts have not been large, the blessings that such efforts in the weekly prayer-meeting. While the numerical results of these efforts have not been large, the blessings that such efforts bring to those who make them are certain.

There are at present 14 active members, 2 male and 12 female.

Officers: President, Miss Ella Stern; Vice President, Miss Mary Hackman; Recording Secretary, Miss Mabel Jacoby; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet Miksch; Treasurer, Miss Marguerite Eberman.

The Society expended the sum of $23.22, including $20.00 toward the support of Bro. Weinland.

2.—West Side Junior Society.

Organized April 9, 1892; *disbanded October*, 1893; *reorganized February* 21, 1896.

Six boys and twenty-two girls, together 28 children, formed the company in charge of the group of young ladies from the Young People's Society who have devoted themselves each

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Friday afternoon to the effort of bringing spiritual influences to bear upon the life of as many of the children of the West Side as respond to the invitation to meet at the Chapel. There should be here a strong appeal to all parents who have the moral and spiritual welfare of their children at heart. Many influences are constantly being brought to bear upon the young, plastic child, leaving their imprint for time and eternity. Of these probably few are of a distinctly religious or even of a moral nature. How important, therefore, that none of the opportunities which are afforded to bring the children under strong spiritual influences should be neglected. Both the Sunday School and the Junior Christian Endeavor Society should stand high in the esteem of all Christian parents, and the regular attendance of their children should be their earnest concern.

The Society has been in charge of Miss Mary Steyers, assisted by Miss Hattie Miksch and Miss Marguerite Eberman.

In order that the children might be taught to think of others, comfort bags, filled with toys, were sent to the Day Nursery, and "shut-in" people were also remembered. The Mission in California received $10.00.

3.—Central Young People's.

Organized January 30, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

The Society has again this year suffered a loss of membership, since several removed from town, to take up work elsewhere. The membership is, however, as follows: 14 male, 12 female, total 26. On the honorary list there are 10 names.

The Comrades of the Quiet Hour number 12, and there are 20 members of the Tenth Legion. It may thus be seen that the cultivation of an active and earnest spirit is not dependent upon large enrollment.

The expenses of the year amounted to $12.10. The pledge of $60.00, for the support of the Union's representative in the Indian work, Bro. Weinland, was fully met, and was renewed for the coming year.

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Officers: President, Joseph H. Smyth; Vice President, Rufus Bishop; Secretary, Miss Della Preisch; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha Bishop; Treasurer, Fred Mease.

4.—Central Junior.

Organized April 7, 1892.

This work among the children has been more interesting during the year than for a long time; since the members have become older, and now can take an active part in the meetings. The attendance has been remarkably good since the reopening in the Fall.

Every two months the meeting is somewhat shortened, to be followed by games. But the work could be still more effective if all parents would manifest their interest more frequently, and co-operate with the leaders in attaining the ends sought.

There are now 37 members, 22 girls and 15 boys. This is an encouraging increase over the enrollment last year.

Donations during the year amounted to $15.45.

Officers: President, Emmart Rauch; Vice President, Louise Thaeler; Secretary, Edith Parker; Treasurer, William Hartmann.

The leaders, from the Young People's Society, are Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Marian A. Beckel, and Rufus Bishop.

5.—Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized September 27, 1892.

There has been a slight increase during the year in the membership and in interest, though changes in the enrollment have occurred. The meetings, each Friday evening, have been very helpful. The pledge of $25.00 toward the support of Brother Weinland, was met, and the same amount was pledged for the coming year.

There are now 21 members, 9 male and 12 female.

Officers: President, Helen Nonnemacher; Vice President, Charles F. Kemper; Recording Secretary, Miss Daisy Nonne-

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macher; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stella Ehrgott; Treasurer, Spurgeon Sigley; Organist, Miss Florence Mack.

6.—Laurel Street Junior Society.

Organized April 21, 1894.

The Society meets regularly on Tuesdays, at 4.30 p. m. The meetings have been well attended. During the year the donations amounted to $9.05, in addition to the meeting of all the expenses.

Officers: Superintendents, Miss Stella Ehrgott, Miss Georgie Bishop and Taylor M. Van Vleck; Organist, Miss Esther Riegel; President, Helen Yost; Vice President, Laura Kemper; Secretary, Edith Young; Treasurer, Reginald Matz.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

The membership of the League is practically the same as last year, 65, some members having left town or withdrawn, and others having taken their places. There has also been some improvement in the percentage of Moravian membership. The officers would be very glad to welcome more of the young men of the congregation into the ranks.

During the course of the Winter, 1907-08, the League arranged for one of the best courses of entertainments held in town for some years, and the course was successful, both from the standpoint of general interest and from that of finances.

The impossibility of securing the Parochial School Hall, or any other suitable, was the only reason that no course was arranged for the Winter, 1908-9.

The privileges of the Parochial School gymnasium have also been enjoyed by the League on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, though this privilege is not included in the general membership fee.

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A gymnasium class of 25 shows devotion to athletics. The class dues are $2.00 a season.

A basket-ball team has won honors, and has contributed to the athletic interest.

Officers: President, Frank C. Gapp; Vice President, William Miksch; Secretary, Henry Setzer; Treasurer, Furman Bodder; Fifth Member of the Executive Commitee, Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Chairman Gymnasium Committee, Herbert Heath.

2.—Laurel Street Ushers' Association.

***Organized October* 1, 1906.**

The Association continues to render valuable assistance at the services of the Chapel, furnishing ushers and collectors for every occasion on which they are needed.

A Copy of the Constitution has been given, upon request, to a number of other denominations desiring to form similar organizations. In February the representatives of a number of Ushers' Associations held a meeting at the Chapel.

The Association has given the Chapel a vestibule light, and another outside, besides making other gifts.

Officers: President, Arthur G. Hewitt; Vice President, Harry Richter; Secretary, Herbert J. Ross; Treasurer, Joseph Heller; Fifth Member of Executive Committee, Clarence H. Reichel.

3.—The Trombone Choir.

During the year the Trombone Choir was called together on 94 occasions, 24 of which were for the announcement of deaths of members of the congregation. The closing session of the King's Daughters' Convention was also greeted by the choir, which played several of the distinctive tunes of the Church from the belfry of the Old Seminary. Independence Day was, as usual, ushered in with patriotic melodies.

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By special invitation the choir attended the consecration of the new Moravian Church at Newfoundland, Wayne County, and assisted at the services.

On September 9 there departed this life Brother Ambrose Rauch, of whom special mention should be made, for his long service in the membership of this organization. For 58 years he stood in the ranks, being for a long time also the leader of the choir. He resigned only when the infirmities of age compelled a relinquishment of all such duties, in 1892, at the age of 82!

V.—GENERAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1907, to November 30, 1908, by the Congregration, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$25,446 66
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	10,815 76
Total	$36,262 42

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees, for the year ending November 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate:"—		
From Interest	$15,621 97	
From Land Rents	869 39	
From House Rents	1,718 50—	$18,209 86
Contributions of Members		4,241 46
Total Receipts		$22,451 32
Excess of Disbursements		1,851 98
		$24,303 30

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 806 66	
Repairs to Productive Property	558 26	
General Expenses	1,777 55—	$ 3,142 47
Donations		500 00
Parochial School :—		
General Appropriation	$ 6,618 70	
Repairs and Furniture	161 26—	$ 6,779 96
Expenses of the Church Establishment :—		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,200 00	
Archive Expenses	273 66	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard	251 79	
Repairs to Church Buildings—General	685 01	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	675 00	
Parsonage Expenses	389 39	
Church Expenses, including salaries	10,406 02—	13,880 87
		$24,303 30

J. S. KRAUSE, Treasurer.

3. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 470 56
Interest	664 50
Church Collection	133 54
Donation	150 00
	$1,418 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donated to 11 persons	$ 356 19
Expenses	58 33
Money Invested	850 00
Balance, November 30, 1908	154 08
	$1,418 60

HERMAN A. DOSTER, Treasurer.

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4. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects, and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers (Collections, $198.61; Sunday Schools, $68.72)	$ 267 33
Bohemian Mission (Collections, $150 98; Sunday Schools, $52.99; Societies, $25.00)	228 97
Foreign Missions, in general (Collections, $339.48; Sunday Schools, $131.12; Societies, $498.42)	969 02
Foreign Missions, Alaska (Collections, $594.18; Sunday Schools, $116.40; Societies, $608.30)	1,318 88
Foreign Missions, other special objects (Collections, $375.21; Sunday Schools, $98.00; Societies, $702.35)	1,175 56
Home Missions, in general (Collections, $1108.25; Sunday Schools, $84.55; Societies, $54.20)	1,247 00
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension (Collections, $58.43; Societies, $116.57)	175 00
Home Missions, other special objects (Collections, $82.67; Sunday Schools, $25.00; Societies, $1138.47)	1,246 14
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $265.20; Sunday Schools, $121.76; Societies, $418.58; Individuals, $313.00)	1,118 54
Increase of Sustentation Fund (Individuals, $665.00)	665 00
All other causes (Sunday Schools, $318.00; Societies, $6.11)	324 11
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church	$ 8,735 55
General Christian Objects (Collections, $195.00; Sunday Schools, $61.54; Societies, $123 67)	380 21
Congregation purposes (not including $5038.40, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections, Church-dues and special efforts	6,756 90
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$15,872 66

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. Contribution of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 500 00
Derived from Societies from invested funds	———
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	10,315 76
Total	$10,815 76

6. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1908, exclusive of Nisky Hill accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the congregation	$15,278 71
Appropriated from income of Almoners	72 65
Appropriated from income of invested funds of Societies	———
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	15,872 66
Parochial School dues of non-Moravians	5,038 40
Grand total from income and contributions:	$36,261 42

All over the country the year 1908 has been a period of financial uncertainty and stress. Many were the fears entertained regarding the support which members of the congregation might be able to give, however willing, to the causes which from time to time have appealed to us. It is therefore something for which to thank God that the total amount given under table 4 is not smaller. Comparing with last year we find that it is only a little more than $1300 less than that total; and this difference is to be more than accounted for by the specially large contributions then asked and received toward the Library of the Theological Seminary, in connection with the Centennial.

An item, however, which calls for far more than passing thought is that in table 2, the report of the Board of Trustees, indicating an excess of disbursements, to meet the expenses of the congre-

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gation, of $1851.98. The past year has not been one of extraordinary expenditures. The item simply means that the funded resources held by the Trustees are now insufficient to meet the greatly increased needs of the better equipped and expanding congregation! There has been a careful conserving of all the financial resources, but the ordinary running expenses are so much larger than even a few years ago that the income can no longer balance the out-go.

Every now and then some one is heard to remark that the Moravian congregation is so wealthy that it is not necessary to practice the little economies which other congregations know. Surely a careful survey of the foregoing statements should once for all silence any such remark! And, further, it should be the concern of each member and official of the congregation to foster every wise economy, and guard against all wasteful leakage, so that the true work of the Church may not be hampered for lack of the means, and that in the years to come it may not be found that the proper foresight was not shown.

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VI. THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1908.

CHURCH MEMBERS.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1907.	INCREASE DURING 1908. Adults Baptized.	Confirmed. Moravian.	Confirmed. Non-Moravian.	Received. Moravian.	Received. Non-Moravian	Re-admitted.	DECREASE DURING 1908. Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1908.
A.—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	631	4	10	9	3	10	4	6	...	4	9	652
Females	870	2	14	8	2	13	2	14	...	9	7	881
												1533
B.—Non Communicants over 13 Years, viz.:			Transferred from Children.			Received.		Died.	Transferred to Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	46		14			...		...	10	...	2	48
Females	67		12			...		...	14	...	...	65
												113
C.—Children, viz:			Baptized.			Received.		Died.	Transferred to Non-Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Boys under 13 years	191		16			4		1	14	...	4	192
Girls under 13 years	157		5			4		1	12	1	6	146
Grand Total	1962											338

Grand Total Membership, November 30, 1908, 1984.

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B.—*Distribution of the Membership.*

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		*Non-Resident.*		*Souls.*		
	Males.	*Females.*	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non resident.*	*Total.*
Married Couples	309	309	24	24	618	48	666
Married Men	59	.....	13	...	59	13	72
Morried Women	.....	98	..	41	98	41	139
Widowers	38	.....	2	...	38	2	40
Widows	.....	117	...	13	117	13	130
Single Men	170	.....	27	...	170	27	197
Single Women	.....	253	...	15	253	15	268
Older Boys	10	.....	..	...	10	.....	10
Older Girls	.....	11	...	...	11	.....	11
Total Communicants	586	788	66	93	1374	159	1533

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total*
Resident Communicants	586	788	1374
Non-Resident Communicants	66	93	159
Total Communicants	652	881	1533
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	11	.....	11
Single Women	.....	12	12
Older Boys	37	.....	37
Older Girls	.....	53	53
Total Non-Communicants	48	65	113
CHILDREN.			
Resident	167	129	296
Non-Resident	25	17	42
Total Children	192	146	338
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	792	977	1769
Non-Resident	100	115	215
Grand Total	892	1092	1984

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Married People	405	472	877
Widowers	40	.....	40
Widows	.....	130	130
Single Men	208	.....	208
Single Women	.....	280	280
Older Boys	47	.....	47
Older Girls	.....	64	64
Children	192	146	338
Grand Total Membership	892	1092	1984

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VII.—A REGISTER

OF THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND OF THE OFFICIAL SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1908.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 2 and 3 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter

The Ministry

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council

Joseph A. Rice, 1899.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
C. Otto Brunner, 1889.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Henry B. Schneller, 1907.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03, '07.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1907.
9 persons.

The School Board

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
William F. Schneller, 1901.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
9 persons.

The Almoners

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Poster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.
3 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries

Sacristans, Church

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885, Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868, Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904, Secretary, 1907.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884. Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890. Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. David Groman, 1886.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Jane Krause, 1896.

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Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Amandus Grube,
Lovefeast Helper, 1907.
25 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Julius Neumann, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
7 persons.

Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel

William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
Morris Kindig, 1907.
4 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work

Officers, Central Sunday School

Rev. A. D. Thaeler,
Superintendent, 1907.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D. D.
Assistant Superintendent, 1907.
Miss Marian Beckel,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1908.
Miss Nina Krause,
Asst. Supt. Primary Dept., 1908.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt. Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.
Clarence H. Boehm,
Treasurer, 1897.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
William F. Hartman,
Musical Director, 1907.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler,
Pianist Primary Dept., 1905.
R Fred Mease, Librarian, 1908.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Ernest Andrews, 1900.
Edmund deS. Brunner, 1907.
Robert M. Heine, 1907.
Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1908.
Ernst F. Detterer, 1908.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Eliza R. Luckenbach, 1876.
Mrs. Frederick E. Lennox, 1900.
Miss Isabel Bailey, 1898.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Annie A. Becker, 1907.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Miss Ella Luckenbach, 1905.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1907.
Miss Gertrude Shields, 1907.
Mrs. Rebecca B. Canam, 1907.
Miss Helen Lennox, 1907.
Miss Helena de Schweinitz, 1908.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1908.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1908.
Mrs. A. L. Renshaw, 1908.
Miss Lila Wenhold, 1905.
40 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School

Clarence E. Clewell,
Superintendent, 1906.
Raymond Schmich,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1908.
Charles Hafleigh, Secretary, 1908.
Charles Hackman,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Albert Constable,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Frank Miksch,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Raymond Wilhelm, Treasurer, 1907
Herbert Heath, Librarian, 1908.
Harry E. Kern, Organist, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Organist Primary Dept., 1901.
Mrs. Emma Meyers,
Supt. Home Dept., 1905.
Mrs. James F. Maynes, Asst., 1905.
Mrs. Ferdinand Dennig, Asst., 1905.
Mrs. Wm. Constable, Asst., 1906.
Mrs. Clayton Teter, Asst., 1906.
Mrs. Jas. Hutchinson, Asst., 1906.
Mrs. Eugene Brunner, Asst., 1907.
Mrs. Chas. F. Schwarze,
Asst., 1907.

Other Teachers West Side Sunday School

Miss Lizzie Bush, 1890.
Miss Laura King, 1906.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1899.
Miss Lucy Grube, 1903.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Mary Walters, 1905.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905.
Miss Ella Stern, 1904.

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Miss Jennie Miller, 1903.
Miss Louise Bischoff, 1907.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Lillian Kildare, 1907.
Miss Bessie Eddinger, 1907.
Miss Nellie Moyer, 1907.
Miss Alice Christ, 1907.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1908.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1898.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1898.
Joseph H. Smyth, 1908.
Archie Mann, 1907.
Carleton White, 1907.
Rev. Henry J. Hartman, 1904.
42 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Supt., 1907.
Wm. Halteman, Secretary, 1904.
Clarence Reichel,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1887.
Mrs. William Halteman,
Asst. Supt. Primary Dept., 1903.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Harry Richter,
Asst. Librarian, 1907.
Frank Ricksecker, Organist, 1906.
Mrs. Arthur Hewitt,
Organist Primary Dept., 1904.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Helen Nonnemacher, 1903.
Miss Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Ellen Ritter, 1899.
Mrs. Frank Ricksecker, 1906.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Mrs. Frederick Weinland, 1902.
Mrs. William Stoneback, 1903.
Miss Stella Ehrgott, 1908.
Mrs. Tilghman Quier, 1904.
Glenmore Mease, 1907.
Erwin Deer, 1906.
Alfred Vogler, 1908.
Robert M. Heine, 1907.
Walter Beisiegel, 1908.
Rufus Bishop, 1908.
Immanuel Mewaldt, 1906.
Taylor Van Vleck, 1908.
Robert Oerter, 1908.
31 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School

Albert G. Rau, 1888,
Superintendent, 1892.
Edward C. Roest, 1888,
Vice Superintendent, 1904.
Paul E. Gross, 1904.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-'91, '95.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Louise Sterner, 1903.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Miss Marie Constantin, 1908.
Peter Boquel,
Physical Instructor, 1907.
Miss Hazel Stevens,
Physical Instructress, 1908.
Miss Gertrude Shields,
Registrar, 1907.
16 persons.

Organists

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Parochial School, 1901.
Harry E. Kern,
West Side Chapel, 1906.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
West Side Primary Dept., 1900.
Mrs. Arthur Hewitt,
Laurel Street Primary Dept., 1904.
Joseph M. Leibert,
Pianist, Central Sunday School, '05
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler, Pianist,
Primary Dept., Central S. S., 1905.
8 persons.

Trombonists

Charles H. Neisser, 1884,
Leader, 1906.

Sopranos

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896 (non resident).
Charles Kemper, 1908.

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Altos

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Howard Koch, 1904.
Chas. M. George (non resident).
Walter C. Horn, 1900 (non resident).
Spurgeon Sigley, 1908.

Tenor

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.

Bass

Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Frank J. Meyers, 1899.

16 persons.

Orchestra

Church.

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
Jacob Hartzell, 1906.
Robert Renner, 1906.
George Pettinos, 1887.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
H. E. Kern, 1904.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Paul Ricksecker, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Clarence Rominger, 1908.
H. S. Schultz, 1907.
M. Kammer, 1907.
Russell Sigley, 1905.
George Sigley, 1905.
Howard Haas, 1907.
Charles F. Bechtel,
Samuel G. Clewell, 1905.
J. M. Leibert, 1908.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.

20 persons.

Singers, Church

Sopranos

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Frances Eggert, 1888.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marian Beckel, 1902.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1905.
Mrs. Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Miss Carrie Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Helen Reinke,, 1908.
Mrs. J. Samuel Krause, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Mabel Phillips, 1906.
Mrs. Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Miss Adeliade Walker, 1904.

Altos

Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1894.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.
Miss Agnes Luckenbach, 1908.
Miss Addie Clewell, 1905.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Marie Hesse, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Emily Krause, 1907.
Mrs. David R. Smith, 1900.

Tenors

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
R. V. Eberman, 1902.
Fred H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
William Reiner, 1908.
W. W. Boyd, 1908.
Charles H. Rominger, 1907.

Basses

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Rev. Wm. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
Edwin E. Reinke, 1906.
Joseph E. Smith, 1906.
Herbert Ross, 1907.
J. Samuel Wolle.
Harold Groman, 1908.
Harry Stern, 1908.
Stephen Romig, 1908.

54 persons

Emergency Choir

Mrs. W. E. Doster, Leader.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox.
Miss Louise Rice.
Mrs. John F. Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.

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Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. J. S. Krause.
Miss Addie L. Clewell.
Miss Laura Belling.
Mrs. George Weber.
Miss Martha Bishop.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Miss Gertrude Shields.
Mrs. Caesar Spiegler.

Singers, West Side Chapel

Sopranos

Miss Ida Walters, 1907.
Miss Ruth Degelow, 1907.
Miss Florence Walters, 1908.
Miss Mamie Clewell, 1908.

Altos

Miss Josephine Bachman, 1906.
Miss Helen Peters, 1908.
Miss Geneva Morgan, 1908.

Tenors

Charles Hafleigh, 1907.
Clement Unser, 1908.

Bass

Earl Morgan, 1906.

10 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel

Sopranos

Miss Esther Riegel, 1907.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Miss Helen Halteman, 1908.
Miss Florence Mack, 1908.

Altos

Mrs. Frank B. Ricksecker, 1907.
Miss Dorothy Mack, 1908.
Miss Beulah Schweitzer, 1908.
Miss Helen Schneller, 1908.

Tenors

Paul E. Ricksecker, 1907.
Clarence E. Rominger, 1907.

Basses

Charles F. Kemper, 1907.
Joseph Heller, 1908.

12 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel

James Yeakel, 1906-'09, Chairman.
George Sigley, 1906-'09, Vice Chairman.
Glenmore D. Mease, 1907-'10, Secretary.
Philip Richter, 1907-'10.
Henry B. Schneller, 1908-'11.
Arthur G. Hewitt, 1908-'11.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex-officio.

7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel

Frank V. Kleckner, 1907-'10, Chairman.
William V. Constable, 1908-'11, Secretary.
Augustus W. Schmich, 1906-'09, Treasurer.
Charles R. Rauch, 1906-'09.
Asher Hower, 1908-'11.
Harry E. Kern, 1908-'11.
The Rev. F. W. Stengel, ex-officio.

7 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church

Fred J. Rice, 1886, Chairman.
George B. Schneller, 1904, Vice Chairman.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886.
Franklin S. Schwab, 1891.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer Ruth, 1906.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
J. A. Crawford, 1907.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
John Van Horne, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Robert M. Heine, 1908.
Charles Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908. 25 persons.

Collectors, Old Chapel

Abraham R. Benner, 1886.
Edward J. Gerlach, 1905.
Anton Hesse, 1900. 3 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel

Arthur G. Hewitt, 1906, President.
Harry Richter, 1906, V. President.
Herbert J. Ross, 1907, Secretary.
Clarence H. Reichel, 1906.
Joseph Heller, 1908, Treasurer.

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lenmore D. Mease, 1906.
. Fred Mease, 1907.
obert M. Heine, 1906.
ohn R. Heine, 1907.
illiam B. Derr, 1907.
dgar Moore, 1908.
larence Rominger, 1907.
Tard Cruikshank, 1906.
aul Rickseecker, 1907.
14 members.

Janitors

mandus Grube, 1907, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Henry J. Solt, 1908, Assistant.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887, Laurel Street Chapel.
Jacob T. Albright, 1887, Congregation Office.
5 persons.

Sextons of Cemeteries

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.
David Groman, 1878, Assistant.
2 persons.

VIII.—NECROLOGY.

(This enrollment covers the year December 1, 1907, to November 30, 1908.)

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
John Augustus Rice	Oct. 11, 1822	Dec. 2, 1907
Robert Dewalt Heckman	Dec. 27, 1845	Dec. 6, 1907
Marietta Louisa (Johnson) Roth	July 22, 1840	Dec. 20, 1907
Mary (Frick) Reigart	Oct. 11, 1822	Jan. 12, 1908
Adelaide Elmira (Graeff) Kern	April 2, 1845	Jan. 31, 1908
Mary Jane McCarty	July 12, 1843	Feb. 13, 1908
Aravesta H. (Moritz) Fradeneck	Aug. 14, 1839	Feb. 15, 1908
Claude George Knerr	May 11, 1887	Mar. 6, 1908
Fredericka C. (Heine) Benner	June 23, 1830	Mar. 23, 1908
Joseph Mortimer Levering	Feb. 20, 1849	April 4, 1908
Ruth Lyle (Beckel) Good	Nov. 13, 1881	May 16, 1908
Henry John Yingling	Aug. 2, 1841	June 12, 1908
Emma M. Hillman	Dec. 23, 1851	June 27, 1908
Marcus McHale Rose	April 27, 1907	July 27, 1908
Emma Louisa Kern	Sept. 10, 1870	Aug. 8, 1908
Ambrose H. Rauch	Nov. 27, 1819	Sept. 9, 1908
Margaret Modesta Smith	Nov. 27, 1906	Sept. 10, 1908
Catherine R. (Bender) Luckenbach	Dec. 6, 1829	Sept. 12, 1908
Amanda Thatcher Jones	July 22, 1836	Sept. 16, 1908
Maria Lydia (Cope) Orth	Sept. 18, 1835	Sept. 27, 1908
Felicia Kummer	May 6, 1827	Oct. 9, 1908
Catharine (Leh) Fehnel	Mar. 16, 1839	Oct. 20, 1908

Of these 22 persons connected with the congregation 20 were communicant members, and 2 were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of 7 persons not connected with the congregation.

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Preface.

THE Board of Elders of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa., herewith presents the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Annual Report of the congregation.

It covers the period from December 1, 1908, to November 30, 1909, in all the reports of Boards, Societies, etc., but the lists of officials in the congregation have been corrected to the end of December, 1909, covering all elections during that month, for accuracy in reference during the coming year.

Care has been taken to secure accuracy in every part of the Report, but errors may have crept in. The Pastors will be glad to have such pointed out at once, in order that corrections may be recorded, and prevented next year.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1909.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio* and *Secretary;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* William S. Hermany, ('09-'12); George W. Riegel, ('08-'11); Albert G. Rau, ('08-'11); Emil J. Bishop, ('07-'10); Henry B. Schneller, ('07-'10); G. Frederick Krause, ('09-'12).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('07-'10); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice President*, ('09-'12); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('08-'11); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('08-'11); Harry J. Meyers, ('08-'11); Aaron B. Levers, ('07-'10); William V. Knauss, ('09-'12); Allen J. Sterner, ('09-'12); George J. Grider, ('07-'10).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *Member ex officio;* M. E. Kemper, *Member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('07-'10); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('08-'11); Abraham C. Prince, ('09-'12); Henry A. Krause, ('08-'11); G. William Riegel, ('07-'10); William Turner, ('09-'12).

ALMONERS.—Julius D. Bishop, *President*, ('06-'11); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, ('05-'10); Abraham R. Benner,

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('07-'12); Matthew J. Schmid, ('08-'13); Harry B. Eggert, ('09-'14).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Frederick H. Wilhelm, Franklin H. Brunner, (all '09-'10).

PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('09-'10).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('09-'10).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Handbook, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7.00 P.M., Evening service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7.30 P.M., Mid-week Service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8.30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Wednesday: 7.30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

Friday: 4.30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Junior S. C. E.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

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Sunday: 9.00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7.00 P.M., Evening Service, (Winter); 7.30 P.M., (Summer).

Tuesday: 4.30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7.45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1:45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
8.30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4.15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7.30 and 11.30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7.30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I.—The Public Means of Grace.

With only occasional intermissions, there have been entirely regular ministrations on the part of the Pastors at all the places of worship. Through the mercy of God there has been no violent interruption at all throughout the year.

In accordance with the custom of later years the mid-week services were omitted during the hot Summer months, but in September they were resumed with very encouraging attendance. The gatherings for worship also on Sunday have been large.

The Societies have continued their work steadily, and in a number of instances with increasing interest. Bringing together groups of the membership socially and spiritually, they are to be counted most surely as among the means of grace.

Steps were taken during the late Summer toward presenting to the congregation the need for a larger Chapel for the work in the northern end of town, and although the Christmas season and the necessary efforts in behalf of the Foreign Missions of the Church have for the while required that this enterprise be held in abeyance, it should not be forgotten, nor delayed until the present large opportunities have been lost.

No *special* season of revival can be recorded, but none the less there has been a development of spiritual life. Particularly has this been evident in individual lives,—and, after all, that is the way in which the Kingdom grows!

The gross addition to the communicant membership was 97, but the gross loss was also large, 71. Therefore the communicant increase was 26, bringing the communicant membership up to 1559. Palm Sunday was a notable day, in that 64 new names were enrolled, many of which were not those of older Moravian families. It cannot be emphasized too heavily that the congregation must not be content with only the natural increase,—if it may be so called,—from its own families; but should stand in the whole growing community of the Bethlehems as a strong Christian force, and draw into its fold from every legitimate source. The Moravian Church has always stood forth as a non-proselyting

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body, and steadily refuses to seek members among those being cared for by other evangelical Churches. But, at the same time, it must recognize the fact that there are many who, though perhaps in the remote past once affiliated with some denomination, have fallen away from all vital relation to the Kingdom of the Saviour. Toward these we have a clear duty to perform. And when such have been aroused and brought to a real desire for Christian fellowship, we should be ready with a hearty welcome.

Stress may perhaps also be laid on the fact that all connection with the seasons of worship should be considered one of the means of grace. Whether in the pulpit, or through the musicians, sacristans, Boards, or other channels, the Spirit of God is speaking to God's people. May the channels of divine grace therefore be kept open, and the personal life of each one be hallowed for this blessed service.

In the Central Church 169 services were held during the year; in the Old Chapel, 87; in the West Side Chapel, 44; at Laurel Street, 90; total, 390.

The Register also records the following:

Infant baptisms, at the homes of parents, 17; at Laurel Street Chapel, 2; total, 19.

Adult baptisms, in the Church, 2.

Confirmations, in the Church, 42; at Laurel Street Chapel, 6; total, 48.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, 15; from other denominations, 24; total, 39.

Readmissions, 8.

Marriages, in the Church, 3; at the parsonages or at other homes, 17; total, 20.

Funerals, in the Old Chapel, 2; from the late residences, 23; at Laurel Street Chapel, 2; total, 27.

Other statistics can be found on page 36 in the tables there set forth.

The average attendance at the Holy Communions, (English,) has been 394; at the celebrations of the Lord's Supper in German, 80.

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II.—The Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

The same conditions which have prevailed in the several past years still obtain. The division of work is now quite well understood by the congregation, and therefore there is no need of again explaining this. If there is any uncertainty, reference to previous Reports can be made, in which the matter is fully discussed.

There is one matter, however, which should be remedied as soon as practicable. For some time it has been necessary for two of the Pastors to assume the duties of Superintendents of Sunday Schools. This is not the ideal arrangement, by any means, and was adopted only because of contingencies which arose through removals from town of those who had held the office before, or who had assumed other duties.

The Pastors could do even more valuable work if they appeared in the Schools in their regular pastoral capacity, instead of having to look after all the details of a Superintendent's functions. It is not that their duties are thereby made considerably heavier, although on certain Sundays this is a burden seriously to be considered. But it would be far better for the Schools themselves to have laymen in charge, with the co-operation and support of the Pastors. The situation is once more commended to the wisdom and action of the congregation.

One of the difficulties which might also be obviated by a little individual thoughtfulness is that of keeping informed of the changes in residence of members. Sometimes a family or individual moves to another address, and no notice of it comes to either the Office of the congregation or to the Pastors. As a result the congregation-directory is not changed, all communications through the mail fail to reach their destination, and the links which bind the members to the Church are broken. An official directory,—in fact, a triple directory,—is maintained, as accurately as possible. Changes are made as soon as reported from any source. But it will at once be understood how useless it will become unless there is real co-operation in keeping it thoroughly correct. With practically two thousand names on the lists, the task would be easy if each one would assist. A tele-

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phone message, a postal card, or a mere note in connection with some other communication to either the Office or the Pastors, would be all that is necessary. Especially should removal to an out-of-town residence be at once reported.

III.—The Schools of the Congregation.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Most gladly would this Report point to great advances in our Sunday School work, with increased enrollment, vigorous policies and hopeful prospects. But if the truth is to be fully told, we shall again need to sound the note of disappointment and alarm.

Year by year there has been a shrinkage in the lists of scholars in our Sunday School work, taken as a whole, and this year, alas! is no exception. Last year we counted 1097 scholars, teachers and officers. Now we muster only 1051. Last year the average attendance was 756. Now the reports show only 741.

Now let us face the facts, as those who are charged with a serious and sacred work. *Why* are our schools becoming gradually, but surely, smaller? Because we are doing nothing directly to enlarge them. We ring the bells, and wait for scholars to come to us. When they do not come, we complain of the degeneracy of the times. When they do come, we consider our duty done when we have held them for an hour a week. Very, very few of the members of the teaching force take the trouble to visit even scholars that are sick, or to inquire why absent. Indifference is immediately charged against the absentee, and the name is crossed off the rolls. In the public schools the truant officer finds out why children are not in their places. But the Sunday School is rather like the private schools, which *must* canvass their fields thoroughly for material, or go to the wall.

In our case, it is not only the schools that are suffering, but the congregation that is being endangered. We are letting the springs dry up. It will not be long before we shall wonder why the streams are so low. The natural source of supply for the

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membership of a congregation is its Sunday School. It creates a precarious situation as soon as it neglects this, and depends upon the appeal of the pulpit alone.

It is surely time to cease deploring the situation, and time to begin to do something to stop the leaks. Associations may pass resolutions, but after all the individual teacher will have to carry them out. So why not begin at that point at once? Let each teacher see to it that not a single boy or girl is allowed to drop out of Sunday School without a thoroughly good and adequate reason, and if a vacancy is created that it is immediately filled by a new scholar. Let each teacher and officer see to it that a new standard of faithfulness in attendance is set, by himself being in his place every Sunday, or having a capable substitute there. Then it will not be long before each younger life will feel the uplift of the older example, and the average attendance will again go up too. Where a teacher comes "when he feels like it," the scholars will also come "when they feel like it," and with ever greater infrequency.

The above has been written not by way of disparagement, or sharp criticism, but because, to save the congregation itself in the years to come, the alarming falling off in our Sunday School work must be checked.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the internal affairs of the School there is nothing special to record. The Pastor, Bro. A. D. Thaeler, is still acting as Superintendent until some layman can be found both able and willing to assume this responsibility. It is, however, to be said, that all the officers and teachers of the school seek in every way to assist the Superintendent, and lighten a task otherwise too heavy in connection with regular pastoral duties.

A great advance has been in the introduction, at the beginning of October, of the Graded Course of lessons proposed by the International Committee as optional to the Uniform Course. The graded lessons have been introduced just as far as the International Committee has proposed them for this year, namely, in the Beginners', Primary and Junior classes. Each lesson is now

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far better adapted to the age and capacity of the scholar than was formerly the case, and good results have already been apparent.

An orchestra, composed of members of the School, under the leadership of Mr. William F. Hartman, has been giving splendid service throughout the year.

The studies in the history of the Moravian Church have been continued, being taught from the desk. The placing of the nucleus of a Missionary Library in the School has also begun to arouse a deeper interest in missionary reading.

Each of the older classes has been organized, and works together more effectively as a unit.

On several occasions the request for a special effort in financial aid of one or another cause has been met most liberally and enthusiastically, and the giving of the School is a very encouraging sign.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 138; female, 248; total, 386. Teachers and officers, male, 13; female, 26; total, 39. Total enrollment, male, 151; female, 274. Grand total, 425. Average attendance, 279.

The expenses of the School have been $279.16, and donations amounting to $539.45 have been made to various causes.

The Home Department, numbering 136, contributed $150.61 during the year. Collections in the School itself amounted to $470.69.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The past year has been an unfortunate one, in that it has seen several changes in the office of Superintendent. The removal from town of Brother Clarence Clewell in September occasioned his resignation. Fortunately the place thus made vacant could be filled very satisfactorily by the election of Bro. Wadsworth Doster. But before the end of the year his course of studies necessitated his removal to Philadelphia. Hence he had to sever his connection with the School. But again from among the teachers one was found to assume the duties of the post, Brother Charles H. Rominger. Therefore, while the changes were themselves unfortunate in that they of necessity interfered somewhat

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with the efficiency of the school for the time being, the work has been blessed in that the right person has each time been found to take up the task laid down by others.

A serious difficulty has, however, been encountered in the lack of teachers, especially for the boys' classes. A new departure was therefore made in the Fall, to supply the need. Four of the older girls' classes were combined, forming a regularly organized Bible Class, corresponding to the Young Men's Bible Class. A very efficient teacher is in charge of this class, and under his leadership its membership has grown. Much interest in the work is being taken, and the class promises to be one of the strong features of the school. There is apparently a shrinkage in the enrollment, 19 less names being on the lists than last year, but this is due in large part to the fact that another school has now changed its sessions to the same hour as ours, and a number of scholars who attended both schools had to choose between them. It is encouraging to note that the male enrollment has actually increased. A strong Young Men's Bible Class is partially responsible for this happy fact.

If a larger teaching force were available, efforts might well be made to increase the membership of the school, from among children not cared for by others. But for the present it has been deemed most needful to limit the effort to increased efficiency within the school as now constituted. It is sincerely to be hoped that in time the organized Bible Classes may produce well equipped teachers, and so overcome the difficulty now faced.

Abstract from the reports of Secretary and Treasurer:

Scholars, male, 133; female, 120; total, 253. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 15; total, 30. Total enrollment, 283. Average attendance, 209.

Home Department, 89.

The school expended upon itself $221.07; and for benevolent causes $171.22.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Pastor in charge of this northern part of the congregation's work is also acting as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

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There has been a decrease in the enrollment of scholars, due to the fact that there is not room to accommodate those who do come to us. The benches are crowded, so that class work is difficult.

There has, however, been an increase in the average attendance from 229 to 253. The largest attendance was between Christmas and Easter, during which period for several Sundays the reports announced above 300 present. So far this Fall the attendance has not been so large; yet there are more children present than can be looked after properly with the space available.

Abstracts from the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer show:

Scholars, male, 125; female, 184; total, 309. Teachers and officers, male, 18; female, 16; total, 34. Total enrollment, 343. Average attendance, 253. Expenses during the year, $276.88. Donations, $125.98.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

The past year was remarkable for the unusually great number of changes. After a most successful service of twenty-one years, Superintendent Albert G. Rau resigned, the former Vice Superintendent, Prof. Edward C. Roest, taking his place. The vacancies caused by this change and by the resignation of Mr. Paul E. Gross, Miss Louise Sterner, and Miss Marie Constantine, were filled by the election of Mr. Charles H. Rominger, Mr. Edwin G. Boring, Miss Helen M. de Schweinitz, and Miss Helen E. S. Lennox. The new teachers are thoroughly equipped for their work, and deserve the full confidence of the patrons of the school. There are now three teachers in the Intermediate Department, which means a decided advance in the efficiency of the school. The total number of teachers is again fifteen.

The "Batavia System" has also been introduced, giving opportunity for study by classes during school hours, together with the assistance of a teacher at hand to assist in difficulties.

As in previous years, work in the Gymnasium has been part of the regular course, under the direction of Mr. Boquel and Miss

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Stevens. Important features of school life, although not directly connected with the curriculum, are an Athletic Association, a Literary Society affiliated with Debating Societies, and a School Paper, the *M. P. S.*, which is published by the pupils themselves.

The enrollment at the end of November was 92 boys and 114 girls, a total of 206.

A Catalogue, which is published annually and is sent to patrons and alumni of recent years, will be mailed to anyone interested upon request.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1909

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 344 60
Tuition	5,656 40
Miscellaneous	60 00
Gymnasium Fees and Expenses	153 00
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	5,100 00
	$11,314 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 363 63	
Miscellaneous Expenses	689 32	
Chemical Laboratory	77 92	
Gymnasium	113 02	
Books and Stationery	277 49	
Physical Laboratory	5 57	
Salaries	9,557 49	
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1909	229 56	
		$11,314 00

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, Treasurer.

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IV.—The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year two meetings were held, one of the Board of Management, and the other the annual business meeting of the Society.

The anniversary was held as usual on Whitsunday, May 30, and the evening service was addressed by the Rev. Paul T. Shultz, of St. Croix, Danish West Indies.

Including the balance on hand December 1, 1908, the receipts were $560.74. Donations were made to the General Mission Fund, the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem, and for the Mission Deficit. These gifts amounted to $402.10.

A special effort of the congregation in behalf of the Deficit, on Whitsunday, passed through the hands of the Society.

We are able to report a large accession this year, 77 names having been added to the enrollment. Seven of the members were called home. The membership is therefore at present 350.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice President, Mrs. James T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Collectors, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. James Yeakel, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Mary Hartmann, Mrs. Henry Hartmann, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. A. Schultze, Mrs. Joseph A. Traeger, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Martha Bishop.

2.—The Young Men's Missionary Society.

Organized September 7, 1840.

The year 1909 has been for this Society one marked both by difficulties and by a measure of success. Three well attended public lectures, illustrated, were given in the Old Chapel under the auspices of the Society, as part of the monthly missionary

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series. A social evening was also held in the rooms, 142 South Main Street, during September.

At the anniversary meeting during January, the Rev. James Robinson, of the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, delivered the address.

The Society last year decided to adopt Bro. and Sr. J. Herbert Cruickshank, in South Africa, as our special missionary representatives, and the plan to raise their salary, mainly by special subscription, within the membership of the Society and among friends, has been a success. The salary for the second year is also now being gathered, on the same basis.

The active membership has increased to 171, there having been an addition of 15 members. An associate membership list of 60 and 84 life members bring up the total of membership to 315.

There are the brightest prospects for a wide development of the work of the Society. The great awakening to missionary activity among the men of all Churches is having its strong influence upon our own outlook.

(A meeting held during the month of December, later than the annual report proper, took steps toward a far more vigorous prosecution of the aims of the organization. The rooms for many years occupied by the Society, also housing its fine museum, have been completely renovated, and their use for much larger and varied gatherings, all converging upon the missionary purpose, is probable in the near future.)

Officers for the coming year: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice President, Edward J. Krause; Secretary, Robert M. Heine; Treasurer, G. Fred Krause.

Additional members of the Ways and Means Committee: H. J. Meyers, Emil J. Bishop, F. I. Klinker.

The Society will be the special link between the congregation and the great Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Donations during the year amounted to $300.00.

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3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

Two meetings were held during the year, at the residence of the President of the Society. The sum of $115 was given to the General Foreign Mission Treasury.

Several new names have been added to the list of contributors to the Society, and several have died; but the membership is at present 188, 173 being women and 15 men. The increase over last year is therefore 27.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Mrs. Walter Landis; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; additional Collectors: Mrs. A. G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Georgie Bishop, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Anita Bailey, Mrs. Sumter Forney.

4.—The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

On the first Monday of each month this missionary organization holds its meetings. It is composed of all the pupils in the school, and therefore the membership consists of 92 boys and 114 girls.

Rather more interest than usual was shown in the work of the Society during the year. One illustrated talk was given, during October, this meeting being held in the Sunday School Chapel.

The donations were: $10 to the Mission Deficit; $13.81 additional, to the same cause; and $5 to the work of Brother Voullaire, in Surinam.

Officers: President, Leland Rebert; Vice President, Beatrice Rebstock; Secretary, Georgine Wolle; Treasurer, Owen Rice.

5.—The Home Mission Society.

Founded March 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 1865.

The Board of Directors meets whenever occasion requires, and during the year three meetings were called. On May 16 the annual business meeting of the Society itself was held, with elec-

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tion of officers. At the anniversary service, June 6, the address was given by the Rev. W. H. Fluck, of York, Pa.

The receipts of the year were: from collections in Church and Chapels, $700.33; from the house-to-house canvass in May, $390.58; from interest on invested funds, $157.00; a total of $1247.91.

Stipends amounting to $500 were paid to home missionaries; donations to the amount of $205 were made, the completion of the congregation's quota for general home mission work required $461.33; and $95.96 was needed to make up the $175 given to the First District Board. Sundry expenses called for $10.80.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice President, the Rev. F. W. Stengel; Recording Secretary, Aug. H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, the Rev. H. A. Jacobson; other Directors: O. A. Clewell, F. H. Wilhelm, H. B. Eggert, F. E. Lennox, Henry A. Krause, C. J. Gapp.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; *organized November* 28, 1888.

All communicants in the congregation are, by virtue of that membership, members also in this Society, it being the congregation's specific method of providing the support long ago assured to the Alaska Mission.

The annual business meeting was held on the evening of Sunday, February 14, after the church service.

There seems to have been during the year an awakened interest in this work, and the fact is noteworthy that there has been an unhesitating response on the part of those who were requested to assist in the work of collecting from house-to-house the gifts of the congregation. Their collection brought in $530.90. The offering on New Year's Eve, 1909, added $53.00

Officers: President, Edwin P. Bishop; Vice President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, C. Otto Brunner; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*, Frank I. Klinker, Theo. Kampmann, Charles H. Wenhold, Mrs. W. E. Doster, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Irene Ross.

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7.—West Side Forward Missionary Movement.

This is, strictly speaking, not a society, but simply a movement begun five years ago, in which all are invited to join. The aim which is kept steadily in view is to raise a sum sufficient to cover the full salary of our missionary representatives, Bro. and Sr. Augustus Seibt, at Kilimani-Urambo, in German East Africa. The sum necessary for this would be $600. It is encouraging to record that the last year has brought us somewhat nearer to this goal, $30 more having been raised than last year. It is especially noteworthy that the increase is not due to an enlarged number of contributors, but to heavier giving on the part of those already interested; which goes to show that this method of giving to a special object, and of keeping in direct touch with the work that is being done appeals to those who try it, and also that such regular monthly giving stimulates the desire to give more.

The sum of $323.15 was raised during the year, contributed as follows: monthly envelope offerings, from 31 contributors, $200.69; Sunday School, $49.61; Ladies' Aid Society, $25.00; proceeds of illustrated lecture, $6.55; collections at mission-day services, $31.30; from the Chapel Committee, $10.00. Of this amount $20.15 was expended for the securing of speakers on the semi-annual mission-days, printing, etc. All the rest was sent to Mission Board. The speakers at the semi-annual mission-day services were the Rev. R. W. Burnside and the Rev. J. F. Stauffacher, the latter a missionary of the African Inland Mission. As in former years, letters have been regularly received from Bro. Seibt, and these were either circulated or publicly read.

Mr. Emil J. Bishop is Treasurer of the Movement.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The work of the year has been faithfully carried on, and two active members have been added to the list, which now presents 27 names. The honorary membership remains at the same figure, 14. There is still room for more active members, and the

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afternoons of pleasant intercourse over the work would repay all who might unite with this organization.

Donations amounting to $440.50 were made to a number of home missionaries.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Schropp.

2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

Organized October 9, 1881.

The active membership is now 14, and the honorary membership 11. The average attendance at the meetings has been 8.

Working for the benefit of the College and Theological Seminary, the Circle was able to contribute $300 to that institution. and also to tender a Reception to the students, faculty and congregation at the close of the Spring term.

The leader of the Circle is Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—*The Busy Workers.*

Organized March 1, 1884.

The membership of the Busy Workers is again somewhat larger than last year, 22 active and 19 honorary names being enrolled.

Although the day on which the Fair was held was very inclement it was, through the co-operation of members and friends, a great success, both socially and financially.

The donations were: $50 each to Home Missions, the Alaska Mission, and the Theological Seminary; $200 to the wives of a number of home missionaries, and $50 to the Mission Deficit. The Society also united with the other organizations in tendering the newly received members a Reception, in the Sunday School Chapel. The total beneficence was therefore $403.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. R. Paul Stout; Vice President, Miss Alice Prince; Secretary, Mrs. Albert G. Rau; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Fred Krause.

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4.—*The Twenty Minute Society.*

Organized October, 1893.

Eighteen active and four honorary members were the enrollment this year. Seven meetings were held at the homes of members.

One box of clothing and household supplies was again sent to a home missionary at Thanksgiving time, amounting in value, including the accompanying check, to $292.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward H. Jacobson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna M. Pownall; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau.

5.—*The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.*

Organized April 2, 1903.

There has been no diminution of zeal and devotion on the part of the ladies who are banded together to be an aid, as the name implies, in the first instance to the West Side Chapel. We must record, however, that their good services were not confined to the local work. The causes to which they again contributed have been of wide range. Home and foreign missions have appealed to their benevolence impartially, and no plea has been unheeded. Foreign missions received $52.00; home missions, $15.00, and $45.00 was expended locally. The membership has also increased during the year, and is now composed of 17 active members and 1 honorary.

This very helpful form of service ought to appeal to a much larger number of ladies, both to their own advantage and that of the work. It is worth while to give some of one's time to interests outside one's own narrow home circle. A broader outlook upon life results, and enriches the life.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; First Vice President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Smith; Treasurer, Miss Isabel Doster; Secretary, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop.

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6.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

The Society is composed of 18 members, and meets regularly on Wednesday afternoons at the Chapel for sewing. During the year eleven quilts were made to order, and one for sale. A number of aprons were also made and sold. A cake sale in April netted $31.00. The Society furnished refreshments at the annual business meeting of the Chapel, and also at the reception given to the new members in May. It likewise donated $15.20 toward Chapel expenses, and $6.00 to charity.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice President, Mrs. William Desh; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Borhek.

7.—The West Side Juvenile Workers.

Organized September 30, 1905.

For several years a band of devoted women have given of their time and skill on Saturday afternoons, in the effort to teach young girls the rudiments of sewing. As usual these workers disbanded for the Summer, and in the Fall it was found impossible to get together a sufficient number of teachers to make it possible to resume the work. It is to be hoped that our next report may be able to speak of a continuance of this most useful form of activity.

The following ladies were engaged in the work: President, Mrs. Frey; Vice President, Miss Sarah Jacoby; Secretary, Mrs. James Maynes; Treasurer, Mrs. James Beidelman; Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, Mrs. C. F. Schwarz, Mrs. Emma Davis, Mrs. Clayton Teter, Miss Virginia Huebner, Miss Schall and Miss Krause.

The year's expenditures amounted to $11.78, and there was $4.92 in the treasury at the last meeting.

8.—Young Women's Sewing Circle of Laurel Street Chapel.

This Society has but recently been organized. Meetings for the purpose of sewing are held Thursday afternoon of each week. The object of the organization is to interest the younger women

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in the Chapel, and to be a help in all ways, mainly at present in raising funds towards the erection of a new Chapel.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. B. Ricksecker; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Stella Ehrgott.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Organized June 10, 1895. First Circles formed in 1887.

This year there have been 24 Circles in the Union, with a total membership of 352. Each Circle has its own chosen line of work, in addition to the spiritual fellowship brought about by the monthly meetings, and the reports which come from every side show how varied is the activity of the membership "in His Name." The contributions made through the Union support a trained nurse, whose faithful ministrations have alleviated much suffering. But in addition to this the Union has sent bandages to the Leper Hospital in Surinam; cash to the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, and provides dinners for a sister in the congregation. And individually the Circles have also done mending, kept the Nurse's Supply Closet equipped, provided pleasures for poor people, furnished the Mission Rooms with linens, curtains, comforters, etc., sent boxes of household supplies to foreign and home missionaries, flowers to the sick, and provisions to the Theological Seminary, has done sewing for the Children's Home, and many other less noticeable things "in His Name."

As reported, the individual Circles made contributions to beneficent causes amounting to $471.55, and the Treasury of the Union shows receipts amounting to $905.58.

The expenditures of the Union were $507.37. The permanent Nurse Fund is now $2465.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau; Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. M. Levering, Mrs. F. W. Detterer, Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie A. Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

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D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

During the past year the visible signs of progress are not as pronounced as might have been desired. The Union, however, seems to have fallen into line with the movement for greater interest in Missions and a deeper spiritual life at home. Together with these a more fraternal spirit is also evident in the Union.

The regular quarterly meetings have been held. While not as largely attended as they ought to have been, there were encouraging features. The Executive Committee urges that more of the older members of the congregation take an interest in the welfare of the Union.

Officers: President, Rufus F. Bishop; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Bornman; Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Jesse Bodder.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

The year has been one of vicissitudes for this Society. A change in the time for choir-rehearsal in the Central Church led to the withdrawal of a number of members who had been the main support of the Society for a number of years. Others, discouraged by the shrinkage of a membership already small, withdrew. The Society therefore led a precarious existence until the time came for the Summer vacation.

Early in Fall a personal letter was addressed to each of the young people on the West Side, inviting them to attend a meeting for reorganization. A number responded, and the reorganization was effected, with a membership of twenty, 15 active and 5 associate members. The Society is now composed entirely of the younger portion of our young people. The outlook is hopeful. The hour of meeting was also changed to Wednesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

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Officers: President, Helen Clewell; Vice President, Geneva Morgan; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Schrader; Corresponding Secretary, Ellen Schupp; Treasurer, Josephine Herman.

The Society had expenses of $3.50 during the year, and contributed $10.00 toward the support of Brother Weinland, in California.

2.—*West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

During the last Winter Miss Mary Steyers, assisted by Miss Hattie Miksch and Miss Marguerite Eberman, conducted the weekly meetings of the Society. This Fall printed invitations, sent to all the families urging that the children have the helpful influences of the Society, led to a very encouraging increase in the membership.

Mrs. Stengel was again able to take charge, and she and Miss Mary Steyers are endeavoring to make the weekly meetings play as large a part as possible in the formation of Christian character in all who come under their care.

Officers: President, William Kindig; Vice President, Alma Frey; Secretary, Helen Burcaw; Treasurer, Paul Kleckner.

The Society gave $10.00 toward the support of Brother Weinland, the C. E. missionary representative in California.

3.—*Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

There has this year been a decided increase in the membership of this Society, and correspondingly in the interest taken in all its affairs. This has largely been due to the earnest efforts of the older members. During the Fall the hour of meeting was also changed so as to follow, instead of precede, the Sunday evening service. Almost every business meeting has presented to it the names of new members.

The report at the end of November shows a membership of 9 males and 19 females; total, 28. Also 11 honorary members, and

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12 "comrades of the quiet hour."

The expenses of the year amounted to $3.00. The pledge of $60.00 toward the support of Brother Weinland in California was fully met. At the Summer Convention the Society pledged only $50.00 for the present year, but the increase of membership leads to the hope that this amount may be increased.

Officers: President, Joseph Smyth; Vice President, Miss Florence Tencate; Treasurer, Jesse Bodder; Recording Secretary, Miss Della Preisch; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha Bishop.

4.—Central Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized April 7, 1892.

The work with the Juniors of this Society has been very pleasant and most encouraging during the period we are now reviewing. Many older boys and girls have joined, and enter heartily into the real work of the organization, leading the meetings and taking an active part. The singing is good, and the regular attendance large. The leaders feel gratified at the response made to their efforts, and the Juniors themselves appear to be deeply interested. The co-operation of the parents of the children would make the coming year a banner year for the Central Juniors!

There are in the membership 29 girls and 11 boys; total, 40.

The sum of $15.95 was expended, as follows: Pledge for Brother Weinland, $10.00; Christmas donations, $4.70; District Junior banner, 50 cents; District dues, 75 cents.

The officers for the first half of the year were: President, Louise Thaeler; Vice President, Katharine Krause; Secretary, Katharine Eberman; Treasurer, Albert Eberman.

5.—Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized September 27, 1892.

Although there has been a slight decrease in the membership, meetings have been regularly held, and a deep interest on the part of the members remaining is manifest. The pledge of

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$25.00 toward the support of Bro. Weinland has again been made. A sewing circle has also been formed by the girls of the Society.

Fifteen active members constituted the Society, 6 male and 9 female. Donations: Bro. Weinland, $36.00; Building Fund, $12.40.

Officers: President, Charles E. Kemper; Vice President, Joseph Heller; Recording Secretary, Miss Grace Heller; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stella Ehrgott; Treasurer, Miss Daisy Nonnemacher; Organist, Miss Florence Mack.

6.—Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 21, 1894.

The Society meets regularly at the Chapel on Tuesday afternoons, at 4.30 o'clock. The meetings are well attended, and the Society is prospering.

During the year $12.15 was donated; $10.15 toward Bro. Weinland's support; and $2.00 to the Mission Deficit. Some of this money was raised by the sale of postal cards.

Officers: Superintendents, Miss Stella Ehrgott and Mrs. F. B. Ricksecker; Organist, Mabel Haas; President, Laura Kemper; Vice President, Dorothea Eberman; Secretary, Mildred Kemmerer; Treasurer, Hugh Kemper.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

In April, at a general meeting called for the purpose, the question of reorganization was discussed, for circumstances had indicated that certain changes would be to the advantage of the organization. This matter was dealt with at several meetings, and in May the house on Church Street was given up, since it no longer seemed advisable to put the congregation to the expense of renting it, with the comparatively small returns from its maintenance, now that the Gymnasium of the Parochial School, to which the League has access, really forms the center of interest.

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In October, 1909, a new Constitution was adopted, providing for the division of the League's activities into a number of sub-departments, each self-supporting, for example, the Camera Department, the Canoe Department, the Gymnasium Department, etc. The dues of the League as a whole were fixed at fifty cents per annum. In addition each department which a member joins provides for its own expenses.

The membership of the Gymnasium Department is now 17. All young men are invited to join this or any other department of the League.

The expenses of the organization for the year were $140.78.

Officers: President, J. Frank Gapp; First Vice President, Robert Werst; Second Vice President, William Rice; Secretary, William F. Miksch; Treasurer, Herbert W. Heath.

2.—*Laurel Street Ushers' Association.*

Organized October 1, 1906.

The Association has been zealous and successful in its efforts to improve its service in connection with the Chapel still further. Faithfulness has marked all the duties assumed by the members, and the fraternal bond is recognized more fully to-day than at any time in the past.

With the prospect of a new Chapel must come aggressive work on the part of the Association, and it has pledged $100.00 toward the proposed new building.

Officers: President, Clarence Reichel; Vice President, J. Seward Titlow; Secretary, Robert More; Treasurer, Josepr Heller; Fifth Member Executive Committee, Arthur Hewitt.

3.—*The Trombone Choir.*

Every one enjoys hearing the music rendered by the trombone choir. And whether it be for the announcement of the home-going of a member of the congregation, for the greeting of a festal day morning, or for the solemn introduction to the hour of Holy Communion, the measured strains of the music peculiar to

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Moravian communities are waited for by all who still prize the old customs of the fathers.

During the year past the choir was called into service on 82 occasions: 10 announcements of deaths were made; 14 times the hour of Lord's Supper was opened; 12 times that of Love-Feast; on Decoration Day the choir assisted at the exercises at the Lehigh River; and in August it attended, by request, the dedication of the new church at Canadensis, Pa. There are now 17 members in the choir, but three are non-resident, being able to assist only occasionally.

V.—General Financial Statistics.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1908, to November 30, 1909, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$29,760 41
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	9,296 89
	$39,057 30

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees for the year ending November 30, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate:"—		
From Interest	$16,272 90	
From Land Rents	744 86	
From House Rents	1,674 75	$18,692 51
Contribution of Members		3,941 85
Total Receipts		$22,634 36

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 804 17	
Repairs to Productive Property	1,114 32	
General Expenses	1,318 97	$ 3,237 46
Donations		500 00
Parochial School:—		
General Appropriation	$ 5,000 00	
Repairs and Furniture	846 70	$ 5,846 70
Expenses of the Church Establishment:—		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,200 00	
Archive Expenses	221 79	
Maintenance of Old Graveyard	219 72	
Repairs to Church Buildings—General	547 73	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	675 00	
Parsonage Expenses	153 10	
Church Expenses, including salaries	10,002 20	$13,019 54
Total Disbursements		$22,603 70
Excess of Receipts		30 66
		$22,634 36

J. S. KRAUSE, *Treasurer.*

3. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 154 08
Interest	848 73
Church Collection	77 92
Temporary Loan	450 00
	$ 1,530 73

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Donated to 8 persons	$ 335 65
Interest on Temporary Loan	13 50
Repayment on Temporary Loan	450 00
Money Invested	650 00
Balance, November 30, 1909	81 58
	$ 1,530 73

HERMAN A. DOSTER, *Treasurer.*

4. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $177.81; Sunday Schools, $57.89)	$ 235 70
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $207.39; Sunday Schools, $54.53; Societies, $25.00)	286 92
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $1001.05; Sunday Schools, $297.69; Societies, $668.41)	1,967 15
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $655.32; Sunday Schools, $104.71; Societies, $100.00)	860 03
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $268.23; Sunday Schools, $116.92; Societies, $666.20)	1,051 35
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $1278.54; Sunday Schools, $82.18; Societies, $58.26)	1,418 98
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension	175 00
Home Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $176.80; Societies, $1002.85)	1,179 65
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $247.86; Sunday Schools, $106.74; Societies, $431.45)	786 05
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Individuals, $285.00)	285 00
All other causes, (Collections, $86.86; Sunday Schools, $8.00; Societies, $1.25)	96 11
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church	$ 8,341 94

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General Christian Objects, (Collections, $113.69; Sunday Schools, $53.28; Societies, $105.80)	$ 272 77
Congregation purposes, (not including $5038.44, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections, Church-dues and special efforts)	6,302 39
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$14,917 10

5. Contribution of the Congregation from all sources to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 500 00
Derived by Societies from invested funds	182 18
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	8,614 71
Total	$ 9,296 89

6. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1909, exclusive of Nisky Hill accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the congregation	$18,661 85
Appropriated from income of Almoners	257 73
Appropriated from income of invested funds of Societies	182 18
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	14,917 10
Parochial School dues on non-Moravians	5,038 44
Grand total from income and contributions	$39,057 30

From the figures given above it is easy to reckon the per capita liberality of the congregation. With a membership of approximately 1550, the per capita contribution for all causes is about $9.62; and for all causes outside of our own congregational work, about $5.56.

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Let it be remembered, however, that this is never a fair calculation, for there are liberal spirits that give vastly more than their share, and others who give little or nothing. Nor is the system of plate collections on Sunday for benevolences one that can be justified, either for its business policy or for its results; for it places upon the faithful church-attendants the duty of making up for the congregation the contribution which should be received from the entire membership. Some day, (and may it come soon, for the sake of the blessing which will with it come upon the congregation!) this whole matter will be taken up in a different and more business-like way, and then we shall wonder at the results and the ease with which we shall be able to do vastly greater things.

But the statement of the per capita figures may at least do this, that each of us may honestly face them and ask ourselves whether *we* have, out of the blessings God has given us, kept in the rank of the average.

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VI.—The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1909.

Church Members.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1908.	Increase during 1909.						Decrease during 1909.				Totals, Nov. 30, 1909.
		Adults Baptized.	Confirmed		Received.		Re-admitted.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
			Moravian	Non Moravian	Moravian	Non-Moravian						
A.—Communicants, viz.:												
Males	652	2	10	8	8	9	5	5	0	6	16	667
Females	881	0	22	8	7	15	3	13	0	11	20	892
												1559
B.—Non-Communicants over 13 Years, viz.:		Transferred from Children.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Males	48	18			0			0	10	0	0	56
Females	65	11			0			0	22	0	0	54
												110
C.—Children.		Baptized.			Received.			Died.	Transferred to Non-Communicants.	Dismissed.	Dropped.	
Boys under 13 years	192	8			8			1	18	3	10	176
Girls under 13 years	146	10			8			0	11	4	5	144
												320
Grand Total	1984											1989

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		*Non-Resident.*		*Souls*		
	Males	*Females.*	*Males*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non-resident*	*Total.*
Married Couples	321	321	26	26	642	52	694
Married Men	55		11		55	11	66
Married Women		97		38	97	38	135
Widowers	37		2		37	2	39
Widows		114		11	114	11	125
Single Men	180		25		180	25	205
Single Women		252		14	252	14	266
Older Boys	10		0		10	0	10
Older Girls		19		0	19	0	19
Total Communicants	603	803	64	89	1406	153	1559

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	603	803	1406
Non-resident Communicants	64	89	153
Total Communicants	667	892	1559
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	13	.....	13
Single Women	.....	13	13
Older Boys	43	.....	43
Older Girls	.....	41	41
Total Non-Communicants	56	54	110
CHILDREN.			
Resident	150	130	280
Non-resident	26	14	40
Total Children	176	144	320
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	779	981	1780
Non-resident	100	109	209
Grand Total	899	1080	1989

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Married People	413	482	895
Widowers	39	.....	39
Widows	.....	125	125
Single Men	218	.....	218
Single Women	.....	279	279
Older Boys	53	.....	53
Older Girls	.....	60	60
Children	176	144	320
Grand Total Membership	899	1090	1989

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VII.—A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation, at the End of the Year 1909.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Harry J. Meyers, 1909.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Henry B. Schneller, 1907.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03, '07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1907.
9 persons.

The School Board.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
William Turner, 1909.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.
3 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868,
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904,
Secretary, 1907.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
William F. Schneller, 1895.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Frank I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884,
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1890,
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.

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Mrs. William Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Frank Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
25 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
Anton Hesse, 1898.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
8 persons.

Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel.

William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
Morris Kindig, 1907.
4 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Fred J. Rice, 1886, Chairman.
George G. Schneller, 1904, Vice Chairman.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Harry B. Eggert, 1886.
Franklin S. Schwab, 1891.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer Ruth, 1906.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
James A. Crawford, 1907.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
John Van Horne, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Robert M. Heine, 1908.
Charles Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
25 persons.

Ushers Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

Clarence H. Reichel, President, 1906.
J. Seward Titlow, Vice President, 1909.
Robert P. More, Secretary, 1909.
Joseph Heller, Treasurer, 1908.
Glenmore D. Mease, 1906.
R. Fred Mease, 1907.
John R. Heine, 1907.
William B. Derr, 1907.
Clarence Rominger, 1907.
Edgar More, 1907.
Arthur Hewitt, 1906.
Walter Titlow, 1909.
Truman Matz, 1909.
Herbert Ross, 1907.
14 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street.

George Sigley, 1907-'10, Chairman.
Henry B. Schneller, 1908-'11, Vice Chairman.
Glenmore D. Mease, Secretary.
William Halteman, Treasurer.
Philip Richter, 1907-'10.
Arthur G. Hewitt, 1908-'11.
James M. Yeakel, 1909-'12.
Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1909-'12.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex-officio.
9 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel.

James D. Maynes, 1909-'12, Chairman.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1907-'10, Secretary.
Morris L. Kindig, 1909-'12, Treasurer.
William M. Constable, 1908-'11.
Harry E. Kern, 1908-'10.
Asher Hower, 1908-'11.
The Rev. F. W. Stengel, ex-officio.
7 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. A. D. Thaeler, Superintendent, 1907.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., Assistant Superintendent, 1907.
Miss Marian Beckel, Supt., Primary Dept., 1908.
Mrs. David Rebstock, Asst., Primary Dept.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst, Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889, Secretary, 1907.
John Heine, Asst. Secretary.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.

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Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
William F. Hartman,
Musical Director, 1907.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept.
R. Fred Mease, Librarian, 1908.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Edmund de S. Brunner, 1907.
Winter L. Wilson, 1905.
Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Annie A. Becker, 1907.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Miss Ella Luckenbach, 1905.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1907.
Mrs. Rebecca B. Canam, 1907.
Miss Helen Lennox, 1907.
Miss Helena de Schweinitz, 1908.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1908.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1908.
Miss Lila Wenhold, 1905.
Mrs. L. Tencate, 1909.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Laura Kampmann, 1909.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1909.
Mrs. Frank Snyder, 1909.
Miss Helena M. Hoch, 1909.
Rufus F. Bishop, 1909.
Edwin G. Boring, 1909.
Immanuel R. Mewaldt, 1909.
42 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Charles H. Rominger, 1909,
Superintendent.
Raymond Schmich, 1908,
Supt. Primary Dept.
Harry E. Stern, Secretary, 1909.
Granville Schupp, Treasurer, 1909.
Frank Miksch, 1907.
Charles Hackman, 1907.
Albert Constable, 1907.
Asst. Secretaries.
Augustus Schmich, Librarian, 1909.
Fred Schupp, Asst. Librarian, 1909.
Harry E. Kern, Organist, 1906.
Miss Harriet Miksch,
Organist, Primary Dept., 1901.
Mrs. Emma Meyers,
Supt. Home Dept., 1905.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Lizzie Bush, 1890.
Miss Laura King, 1906.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1899.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Lillian Kildare, 1907.
Miss Bessie Eddinger, 1907.
Miss Alice Christ, 1907.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1908.
Joseph H. Smyth, 1908.
Archie Mann, 1907.
Rev. Henry J. Hartman, 1904.
Ferdinand Drobert, 1909.
Mrs. William Brown, 1909.
29 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Superintendent, 1907.
Wm. Halteman, Secretary, 1904.
Clarence Reichel,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1887.
Miss Iva Krause,
Treasurer, 1901, also Asst. Supt. Primary Department.
Herbert Horbst, Librarian, 1896.
Harry Richter,
Asst. Librarian, 1907.
Frank Ricksecker, Organist, 1906.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist Primary Dept.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Bertha Fisher, 1901.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Mrs. Frederick Weinland, 1902.
Mrs. William Stoneback, 1903.
Miss Stella Ehrgott, 1908.
Glenmore Mease, 1907.
Erwin Deer, 1906.
Alfred Vogler, 1908.
Walter Beisiegel, 1908.
Rufus Bishop, 1908.
Immanuel Mewaldt, 1906.
Mrs. William Halteman, 1903.
Mrs. Eugene Schaefer, 1909.

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Mrs. Truman Matz, 1903.
Miss Mary Smith, 1909.
Miss Blanche Neumeyer, 1909.
Miss Helen Peters, 1909.
Charles F. Kemper, 1909.
Ernest Drebert, 1909.
Albert Harke, 1909.

32 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Edward C. Roost, 1888,
Superintendent, 1909.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-'91, '95.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Peter Boquel,
Physical Instructor, 1907.
Miss Hazel Stevens,
Physical Instructress, 1908.
Charles H. Rominger, 1909.
Edwin G. Boring, 1909.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1909.
Miss Helen E. S. Lennox, 1909.

15 persons.

Organists.

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Parochial School, 1901.
Harry E. Kern,
West Side Chapel, 1906.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
West Side Primary Dept., 1900.
Joseph M. Leibert,
Pianist, Central Sunday School, '05.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., Central Sunday School, 1909.
Miss Florence Mack,
Organist Laurel Street Primary Dept., Sunday School, 1909.

Trombonists.

Charles H. Neisser, 1884,
Leader, 1906.

Sopranos

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Edmund L. Oerter, 1896 (non-resident).
Charles Kemper, 1908.

Altos

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Chas. M. George (non-resident).
Walter C. Horn, 1900 (non-resident).
Spurgeon Sigley, 1908.

Tenor

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.
Owen Rice, 1909.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1909.

Bass.

Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.

17 persons.

Orchestra.

Church

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
Jacob Hartzell, 1906.
Robert Renner, 1906.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
H. E. Kern, 1904.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Paul Ricksecker, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Clarence Rominger, 1908.
George Sigley, 1905.
Howard Haas, 1907.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.
Charles F. Beckel, 1907.
Hans Roemer, 1909.
W. F. Hartman, Jr., 1909.
Robert Rau, 1909.

17 persons.

Singers, Church.

Soprano

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1902.
Miss Marian Beckel, 1902.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1905.
Mrs. J. Samuel Krause, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Adelaide Walker, 1904.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Susie Jacobson, 1909.
Miss Elizabeth Schrader, 1909.

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Miss Bertha Tallon, 1909.
Miss Pauline Detterer, 1909.
Miss Violet L. Straub, 1909.

Alto

Miss Elizabeth Schwab, 1894.
Mrs. Edward Gray, 1901.
Miss Agnes Luckenbach, 1908.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice, 1903.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Marie Hesse, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Emily Krause, 1907.
Miss Helen Gray, 1909.
Miss Frances Roest, 1909.
Miss Mildred Milchsack, 1909.

Tenor

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
Rev. H. A. Jacobson, 1885.
R. V. K. Eberman, 1902.
Fred H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
Charles H. Rominger, 1907.
Rev. Henry J. Hartman, 1909.

Bass

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Rev. Wm. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
Herbert Ross, 1907.
J. Samuel Wolle, ——.
Harold Groman, 1908.
Francis A. Hagen, 1909.

51 persons.

Emergency Choir.

Mrs. W. E. Doster, Leader.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox.
Mrs. John F. Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. J. S. Krause.
Miss Laura Belling.
Mrs. George Weber.
Miss Martha Bishop.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Mrs. Edward F. Gray.
Miss Helen Gray.

14 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel.

Soprano

Miss Geneva Morgan, 1908.
Miss Alice Crist, 1909.

Alto

Miss Josephine Herman, 1909.
Miss Eugenia Brunner, 1909.
Miss Josephine Bachman, 1906.

Tenor

Charles Hafleigh, 1907.
Clement Unser, 1908.

Bass

Joseph E. Smith, 1902.

8 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Soprano

Miss Esther Riegel, 1907.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Miss Helen Halteman, 1908.
Miss Florence Mack, 1908.

Alto

Mrs. Frank B. Ricksecker, 1907.
Miss Dorothy Mack, 1908.
Miss Beulah Schweitzer, 1908.
Miss Helen Schneller, 1908.

Tenor

Paul E. Ricksecker, 1907.
Clarence E. Rominger, 1907.

Bass

Charles F. Kemper, 1907.
Joseph Heller, 1908.

12 persons.

Orchestra, Laurel Street Chapel.

Dr. Arthur S. Kemper.
Paul Ricksecker.
Frank B. Ricksecker.
Clarence Rominger.
George Sigley.
Spurgeon Sigley.
Mrs. F. B. Ricksecker.

7 persons.

Janitors.

Amandus Grube, 1907, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Henry J. Solt, 1908, Assistant.

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Mrs. Amandus Grube, 1907,
Lovefeast Helper.
Moritz Roessler, 1905,
West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887,
Laurel Street Chapel.

Jacob T. Albright, 1887,
Congregation C[illegible]
6 pe[illegible]

Sexton of Cemeteries.

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.

VIII.—The Necrology.

(This enrollment covers the year December 1, 1908, to November [illegible] 1909, with the exception of the first two names, the one unfortun[illegible] omitted from last year's records, and the other not learned till too late [illegible] insertion.)

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Spencer Badeau	Feb. 10, 1900.	Jan. 27, [illegible]
Emma A. (Ricksecker) Smith	May 15, 1826.	Aug. 14, [illegible]
Angelina (Lein) Luckenbach	Nov. 3, 1831.	Dec. 6, [illegible]
George Monroe Rice	Jan. 10, 1882.	Dec. 10, [illegible]
Mary Ann Rice	Jan. 3, 1851.	Jan. 7, [illegible]
Josephine Louisa (Witmeyer) Luckenbach	Jan. 27, 1823.	Feb. 2, [illegible]
Elizabeth Bernhardt	Feb. 11, 1884.	Feb. 5, [illegible]
Clifford Emmons Auer	Nov. 3, 1908.	Dec. 25, [illegible]
Lawrence Levering Beckel	Aug. 25, 1851.	Mar. 3, [illegible]
Catharine (Kunkel) Mease	Oct. 8, 1824.	Mar. 20, [illegible]
Isabelle (McClatchy) Turner	Feb. 6, 1826.	Apr. 7, [illegible]
Julius Augustus Neumann	Sept. 13, 1849.	Apr. 18, [illegible]
Mary Ann (Moser) Deemer	Jan. 1, 1830.	Apr. 5, [illegible]
Gertrude (Gugatsch) Spiegler	Aug. 10, 1862.	May 17, [illegible]
David Groman	Aug. 8, 1826.	June 11, [illegible]
Mary Elizabeth Peisert	Sept. 17, 1847.	June 25, [illegible]
Eliza Ann (Buss) Yingling	Mar. 12, 1847.	Aug. 9, [illegible]
Joseph Alexander Rice	Mar. 28, 1844.	Oct. 8, [illegible]

Of these 18 two were children, and 16 were communicant members of the congregation.

The Pastors also officiated at the funerals of 5 persons not members of the congregation.

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Preface.

THE one hundred and sixty-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Elders is herewith presented to the members of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

It is designed to present a compendium of the congregation's activities, and therefore has been compiled with the utmost care. Should inaccuracies be found, it will be regarded as a favor if such are immediately pointed out to the Pastors.

The reports of all Societies cover the year, December 1, 1909, to November 30, 1910, but the lists of officials in the several Boards have been corrected to the end of the calendar year, 1910, in order that the results of the December election might be incorporated, and a complete register of the officers of the congregation might be available.

The assistance of all Secretaries who have drawn up reports of organizations is herewith acknowledged, with the appreciation of the Board of Elders.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1910.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—F. William Stengel, 1901; Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. William Stengel, *member ex officio and Secretary;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio;* George W. Riegel, ('08-'11); Albert G. Rau, ('08-'11); William S. Hermany, ('09-'12); G. Frederick Krause, ('09-'12); Emil J. Bishop, ('10-'13); Henry B. Schneller, ('10-'13).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('10-'13); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President*, ('09-'12); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('08-'11); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('08-'11); Harry J. Meyers, ('08-'11); William V. Knauss, ('09-'12); Allen J. Sterner, ('09-'12); Aaron B. Levers, ('10-'13); George J. Grider, ('10-'13).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* F. W. Stengel, *member ex officio;* M. E. Kemper, *member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('10-'13); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('08-'11); Henry A. Krause, ('08-'11); Abraham C. Prince, ('09-'12); William Hartman, ('10-'12); G. William Riegel, ('10-'13).

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ALMONERS.—Julius Bishop, *President*, ('06-'11); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, ('10-'15); Abraham R. Benner ('07-'12); Matthew J. Schmid, ('08-'13); Harry B. Eggert ('09-'14).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Frederick H. Wilhelm, Franklin H. Brunner, (all '10-'11).

PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('10-'11).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('10-'11).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)
Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7:30 P.M., Evening service.

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.
Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German)
Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Mid-week service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.
School Days: 8:30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.
Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

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V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7:45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1:45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
6:30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7:30 and 11:30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7:30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I. The Public Means of Grace.

The year 1910 has again been marked by a steady regularity of ministrations by the Pastors, in the respective places of worship. No serious illness has interfered with their work, and only occasional calls to render fraternal service in some other pulpit, or the vacation season, have rendered it necessary to invite the assistance of the other ministerial brethren who are resident in Bethlehem. But whenever that help was asked it was rendered with readiness and cordial willingness, due recognition and appreciation of which is here expressed.

During the heat of the Summer no mid-week services were held, and the evening hour of worship at Laurel Street was also omitted.

During a short period, while Laurel Street Chapel was undergoing enlargement, services were held in the Memorial Chapel of the Theological Seminary, kindly tendered for the purpose. An extension, built to accommodate the expanding Sunday Sunday School, was erected on the north end of Laurel Street Chapel by the Trustees of the congregation. But, in addition, a fine pipe organ was installed, as the gift of members throughout the congregation, together with other improvements rendered necessary by the larger changes. These took the place of the larger enterprise proposed last year, the erection of a larger Chapel in the northern end of town.

During the latter part of the year the pipe organ in the Central Church was also completely rebuilt, so that it is practically a new instrument, with much larger capacity.

The special seasons have in their round once more brought their successive blessings, and have brought together both many of Bethlehem's sons and daughters who have found their homes elsewhere, but who love the Church of their birth, and friends from other denominations of the Church Universal, who enter sympathetically into the observance of the distinctively Moravian seasons.

But the regular services have also been well attended by the

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congregation. The one suggestion which might be made in this connection is that the children might more regularly be brought to the morning and evening services of the sanctuary, and they should be trained to consider it a pleasant privilege to be in their places in the worshipping congregation. The Sunday School can never be the children's Church, with all its excellencies, nor can any other meeting designed especially for young people take the place in their lives of the stated services of the Congregation as such. From the reports which will be presented in condensed form in the following pages it will be seen that most of the societies are able to tell of increased membership, a token of larger activity. While it is impossible to look into the hearts of men, we trust that this is a sign of a good earnest spirit, for energetic and steady Christian work, as represented by these Societies, must needs stand on a foundation of deep and unashamed faith. The gross gain in communicant membership was 62 during the year, but the gross loss, 61, was heavier than usual, therefore the net increase of 1 soul brought the communicant enrollment only to 1560.

The ranks of the congregation suffered more severely than usual through death; 24 communicants departed this life, and 6 children.

The total membership is 5 larger than last year, being now 1994.

Other statistics of membership and the changes which have occurred will be found later in this Report.

In the Central Church 165 services were held during the twelve months; in the Old Chapel, 91; in the West Side Chapel, 46; at Laurel Street Chapel, 89; total, 391.

The Register also records the following:

Infant baptisms, in the Central Church, 5; in the Old Chapel, 1; in the homes of the parents, 39; total, 45.

Adult baptisms, in the Church, 2.

Confirmations, in the Church, 34.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, 8; from other denominations, 16; total, 24.

Readmissions, 2.

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Marriages, at the parsonages or at other homes, 12.

Funerals, in the Church, 2; in the Old Chapel, 3; from the late residences, 40; total, 45.

Other statistics can be found on page 37, in the tables there set forth.

The average attendance at the celebrations of the Lord's Supper in German was 80; at the celebration of the Lord's Supper in English, 358.

II. The Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

There is nothing new in this line to either report or suggest to the congregation. It might be well if last year's review and recommendations were again to be read, for the Pastors are still seeking release from the duty of superintending two of the Sunday Schools, not because of unwillingness to undertake this labor of love, but because they feel that even in this connection they would be able to bring more profitable assistance, were they to be able to act more particularly as pastors and not the executive officers of the Sunday Schools.

The lack of reliable and resident young men is being increasingly felt. So many of our younger brethren have been under the necessity of seeking employment elsewhere, as soon as they have secured technical training in the higher schools, that the congregation is never sure of having secured permanently a strong young worker. This is one of the very serious difficulties which must be squarely faced. There does not seem to be any immediate remedy, but the situation calls for the largest possible co-operation in keeping each part of the congregational body at its highest efficiency.

III. The Schools of the Congregation.

I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is universally recognized that the Sunday School is the feeder of the Church. It is from the ranks of the young people that the membership of the congregation must grow. The most

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careful consideration should therefore be given to this department of the year's work.

Last year we were forced to record a most serious falling off in the enrollment of our Sunday Schools, taken together. We are profoundly thankful that we need not tell just the same story this time, for there has been a slight recovery in this respect. At the close of 1908 we counted 1097 scholars and teachers; last year we had only 1051; but we now find a total of 1074. Additions this time to both the Central and West Side Schools are responsible for the slight improvement.

However, there has been a decrease in the average attendance, from 741 to 677. A partial explanation of this is perhaps to be found in the increasing tendency of families to "go a-summering" during the heated term. Particularly does the Central Sunday School feel this defection during the months July, August and September. But another cause is also to be found in the careless attitude of many toward Sunday School. Those who would not under any consideration allow their children to miss a session of the day school leave it rather to the whim of the moment whether they shall attend the Sunday School or not. The most trivial excuse will suffice for non-attendance. This is to be deplored not because of the desire to have full schools, but because of the inevitable effect upon the characters of the young people concerned. If they are trained in indifference in their early years, they will carry it with them through life—and this is the most serious consideration.

There is another side of the question which should come before the attention of the congregation as soon as possible. It is connected with the query, whether we have as yet found the proper means of dealing with the younger portion of the congregation.

Theoretically, the pastors themselves ought to be able to keep in touch with every portion of the congregational charge. Justification might also be found for their being Superintendents of the Sunday Schools, as two of them have been for several years. But practically this is being found to be impossible. First of

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all the pastor must be the preacher, and, despite much current thought to the contrary, he needs far more time that he ordinarily gets for study and meditation over the divine Word. Then certain records must be prepared and kept by him, which undoubtedly have their great value to the congregation as the years pass. Then again the pastors are on several of the Boards of the congregation, and time must be taken for these regular and special meetings. Then come calls for funerals, baptisms, weddings, and those engagements which are a due and pleasant part of the ministerial service, but which also take time. And finally, the most essential part of a pastor's work, his visitation among the people of the community and the members of his congregation. In a congregation like ours there are many sick, aged and infirm, and necessarily a large part of the pastor's attention must be given to these.

Why are these things mentioned? Because the pastors are overworked? Not at all. These things are their joy. But simply to lead up to the question, "Where do the children come in?" Many are in school, or out at play during the afternoons while pastoral visitation is being done. They can be seen only on Sundays, when they come together for their special services or in Sunday School, and, not because either they or the pastors desire it, they grow up with little vital contact with their spiritual friends and advisers. Then again, there are many points of view from which all the Sunday School work of the congregation is *one*. The congregation really has a single school divided into three parts for convenience. Each has its own Association of Teachers and Officers, each its own internal regulations and habits, and despite frequent attempts to establish greater co-operation and deal conjointly with common enterprises and difficulties, what is everybody's business is nobody's.

Here comes the question which the congregation should put to itself. Would it not pay immensely to have a man expressly appointed to the charge of the children and young people's work, to establish this as a new and recognized field, to relieve him from all duties which ordinarily devolve upon the

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preacher, the recorder, the ex officio member of Boards, and to make him responsible for the unification, the development, and the intensification of all the Sunday School work of the congregation?

Such men are born, not made to order, and not every one would be suited to such an appointment. But other congregations are doing it. They have been brought to it by circumstances such as those which have been affecting us. And they are now reaping the benefits of their farsightedness. The largest Sunday School in Washington, D. C., is in a congregation which took the step several years ago.

This is more and more a day of specializing. Few men can be experts in more than one direction. Sunday School work is coming rightly to be regarded as involving the most careful thought, scientific investigation, and firm though gentle management.

The Bethlehem congregation cannot give the matter too early consideration. It may not arrive at the conclusions presented above. But it is very sure that earnest investigation cannot fail to bring about something that shall be for the good of the work committed to us.

A —THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

While certain difficulties have once more had to be confronted, there has been a measure of success which has been encouraging. The Summer months found the classes very small, with many teachers and scholars away on their vacations, but the closing months of the year have been particularly good in this regard. It is but due to the splendid force of teachers publicly to recognize the fidelity with which they have clung to their work. The percentage of classes left from time to time without a teacher has been very low, and wherever absence has been necessary due notice has been given to the superintendent, or a substitute has been provided. The effect of this upon the classes is very noticeable.

The orchestra has continued to give its services at the opening

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and closing of the sessions, and for special occasions a choir was formed, to lead in the singing.

Out of the School several Patrols of the Boy Scouts have been organized, and some of the teachers have accepted this additional work, becoming leaders of the groups of eight boys who are banded together for the excellent purposes of the organization.

The Graded Lessons have been adopted now as far as the Intermediate Department, embracing boys and girls twelve and thirteen years of age. Each year an advance will be made in the adoption of this course.

The men's class this year has enrolled a number of older men, who are welcomed particularly as giving a moral backing to the work among the young people.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 165; female, 250; total, 415. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 27; total, 42. Total enrollment, male, 186; female, 277; grand total, 457. Average attendance, 260.

The expenses of the school have been $401.85, and donations have been made aggregating $608.89.

The Home Department, numbering 130, contributed $138.00 during the year.

Collections in the school itself amounted to $469.72.

B —THE WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The most memorable event of the year was the observance, on May 6 and 8, of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the school.

On the evening of May 6, the anniversary date, the Association gave a Reception to former teachers and officers. On the following Sunday commemorative services were held. At 10 A.M. the Rev. Samuel Groenfeldt preached the sermon, and the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz gave an historical review. At 3 P.M. a lovefeast was held, at which several short addresses were made. At 7:30 P.M. the principal address was delivered by the Rev. E. S. Wolle, a former superintendent of the school.

The year has been marked by painstaking and systematic ef-

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fort on the part of superintendent and workers. "Internal improvement" has been the watchword. The shortage of teachers, which was deplored in last year's report, hampered the work very greatly at first, but during the Fall this difficulty has been obviated. The classes are all supplied with teachers, and the way now seems open for efforts that will look toward increased enrollment and a higher rate of attendance.

The work of the Young Ladies' Bible Class, and of the Primary and Sub-Primary Departments, is especially worthy of remark. The Home Department is continuing its good work. Its present enrollment is 85.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 117; female, 133; total, 250. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 18; total, 33. Total enrollment, male, 132; female, 152; grand total, 283. Average attendance, 185.

The expenses were $250.00, and the donations amounted to $154.99.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The pastor in charge of Laurel Street Chapel, Bro. Kemper, is again obliged to superintend the Sunday School. If some layman could be found, able and willing to assume this work, and who could devote more time to it than the pastor is able to do, much more could be accomplished for the Church in northern Bethlehem.

While the enrollment and the average attendance do not quite come up to the figures of last year, the school is now again on the increase. During the Summer the Chapel was enlarged by the addition of two much-needed class-rooms and an organ recess back of the pulpit. A splendid pipe organ has been placed which adds much to the worship and the spirit of the school. The improvements cost about $1800.00, the freewill offering of members and friends. A Home Department has been organized, with Mrs. James M. Yeakel as Superintendent and now numbers 23 members. A Cradle Roll has also been formed, also numbering 23, with Mrs. Clarence H. Reichel as Superintendent.

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Statistics: Scholars, male, 132; female, 170; total, 302. (Of these not more than 12 are over 21 years of age.) Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 17; total, 32. Total enrollment, male. 147, female, 187; grand total, 334. Average attendance, 232.

Expenses, $189.04; donations, $164.71.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

In this report two aspects of the condition of the Parochial School should be presented. In point of numbers there has been a falling off, due mainly to the changes enumerated in last year's review. On the other hand, the work of the teachers and pupils was most satisfactory, especially since the beginning of the present school year. More than half the pupils have been constantly on the monthly honor roll, which means that their work reached a percentage of at least ninety. Besides, there is a spirit of cheerfulness and kindliness which is exceedingly gratifying. The system, if system it can be called, of self-discipline, characteristic of the school for many years, has been continued under the present management with full conviction, and while at times pupils find it difficult to adjust themselves at once to this attitude, it is not often that there is an entire failure to respond.

Although the place of Mr. Boring was not filled, he having left in June, all departments have been continued in their full extent, with the exception of the Business Course proper, for which there was no demand. This was, of course, possible only by additional work on the part of the remaining members of the faculty, who deserve all credit for the cheerful and efficient manner in which they have met all requests.

Important features of the school life have again been the Literary Society, the Debating Society, the School paper, the "M. P. S." and the Athletic Association.

The enrollment at the end of November was 83 boys and 98 girls, of whom about 40 per cent. are non-Moravians.

If non-Moravians are willing to pay so much more for the advantages of training and association, would it not be worth the

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slight cost to *Moravian* parents to have their children under the care of the congregation's school? If the earlier years are not spent in the atmosphere of the school, it is very unlikely that the boy or girl will care to enter later.

The annual catalogue will be sent to any one on request, and the Superintendent will also gladly interview any one with reference to the work.

Scholars, male, 83; female, 98; total, 181. Of this number 114 are Moravians. Teachers, male, 4; female, 9; total, 13.

Graduates, 6, of whom 2 were Moravians.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 229 56
Tuition	3,919 30
Miscellaneous	12 00
Gymnasium	135 25
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	6,450 00
	$10,746 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 328 02	
Miscellaneous Expenses	519 85	
Chemical Laboratory	49 11	
Gymnasium	59 11	
Books and Stationery	158 22	
Physical Laboratory	4 24	
Salaries	9,416 32	
Tuition Refunded	22 00	
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1910	189 24	$10,746 11

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, Treasurer.

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IV. The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year there were two meetings of the general membership and one meeting of the Board of Management.

The address at the anniversary service of the Society, held on the evening of Whit-Sunday, May 15th, was delivered by the Rev. S. H. Gapp, of the Theological Seminary.

The receipts of the year, including the balance on hand Dec. 1, 1909, were $520.09. Donations were made to the Leper Home in Jerusalem, the General Missionary Treasury, the Rev. E. J. Heath, in Trinidad, W. I., and the Rev. Henry Grant, in Demerara. These gifts amounted to $335.00.

Twenty new members were added to the Society, and there were three deaths. The membership is at present 367.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice President, Mrs. James Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Collectors: Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. James Yeakel, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Mary Hartman, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. Augustus Schultze, Mrs. Joseph A. Traeger, Mrs. Henry A. Krause, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Isabel Doster.

2.—The Young Men's Missionary Society.

Organized September 7, 1840.

The promise of new life in this the oldest distinctly men's missionary organization in the country, as shown last December, when contact was first established with the Laymen's Missionary Movement at its Conference at Reading, Pa., has been abundantly fulfilled during the year which has now closed.

Three additional members were elected to assist the Ways and Means Committee in carrying out the purposes of the Society, and

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the seven brethren thus appointed have carried the work forward with vigor and success.

The roll of membership has been increased, 86 active, 2 associate and 2 life members having been added to the lists, while the old lists were purged of all names that did not represent a real interest.

A number of social supper-business-meetings were held in the Museum Rooms on South Main Street, which have been completely renovated and rearranged, and these were the means of bringing together the men of the congregation in a very effective way.

The support of the Superintendent of the Moravian Mission in Nicaragua has been assumed by the Society, and the first half year's salary has already been paid over.

The Museum is now being put into thoroughly good condition, so that all the relics and curios may be seen to the greatest advantage.

The anniversary address on January 9, 1910, was delivered by the Rev. Samuel Zwemer, D.D., missionary to Arabia.

The membership of the Society now numbers 222.

Officers: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice-President, Edward J. Krause; Secretary, Robert M. Heine, (later Fred. B. Hartman); Treasurer, G. Fred. Krause. Additional members of the Ways and means Committee: F. I. Klinker, E. J. Bishop, (later H. A. Krause), H. J. Meyers.

3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

During the year there were two meetings held at the residence of Miss Helen de Schweinitz, at which there was an average attendance.

There are 187 names on the roll of membership, of which 15 are those of male contributors.

The sum of $116.00 was given to the General Mission Treasury during the year.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Mrs.

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Walter S. Landis; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; additional Collectors, Mrs. A. G. Rau, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Isabel Doster, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Alice Prince, Miss Georgie Bishop, Miss Martha Bishop, Mrs. Sumter Forney, Miss Anita Bailey.

4.—The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

The meetings of this Society are held on the first Monday of each month, usually in connection with the morning Chapel service.

The entire school is the Society, therefore the membership consists of 83 boys and 98 girls.

The sum of $18.01 was given to missionary causes during the year, divided as follows: $10.00 to the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem; $5.00 toward purchasing a mule for the Trinidad Mission; and later $3.01 toward the same cause.

Officers: President, Fred Bruch; Vice-President, Lowell Otis; Secretary, Louise S. Thaeler; Treasurer, William Hartman.

5.—The Home Mission Society.

Founded March 5, 1849; *organized August* 28, 1849; *incorporated January* 16, 1865.

Four meetings of the Directors during the year transacted all the regular business of the Society. The annual business meeting was held on the evening of Sunday, May 8, and the anniversary service on the evening of May 22. On this occasion the address was delivered by the Rev. Paul M. Greider, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

A proposition is now being considered and attempted, to establish somewhat closer contact with Moravians who are living in communities where there is no Moravian congregation.

The receipts were as follows: from collections in the Church and Chapels, $740.93; from the house-to-house canvass of the congregation during the month of May, $438.08; and from interest on funds, $149.62; a total of $1328.63.

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Stipends amounting to $731.25 were paid to home missionaries; the completion of the congregation's quota for the general fund required $495.59; and of that for the District Board of Church Extension, $104.91; sundry expenses called for $12.20; therefore the total of expenditures was $1343.95.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President, the Rev. F. W. Stengel; Recording Secretary, Aug. H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, the Rev. H. A. Jacobson; other Directors, O. A. Clewell, Frederick H. Wilhelm, H. B. Eggert, the Rev. F. E. Lennox, H. A. Krause, and Cornelius J. Gapp.

6.—The Alaska Auxiliary Society.

Founded April 16, 1884; organized November 28, 1888.

This is not a society within the congregation, but the congregation itself is the society, in fulfillment of the promise made a quarter century ago, to give the fullest possible support to the work of our Church in Alaska.

A house-to-house canvass of the entire membership during October gives each one an opportunity to contribute toward this cause, and this contribution is the only due required.

The annual business meeting was held after the Sunday evening service of February 20, and after the election of officers a special vote of thanks was given to those who had assisted in the annual collection.

The canvass brought into the treasury $510.78; and the New Year's Eve collection added $41.19.

Officers: President, Henry A. Krause; Vice-President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, C. Otto Brunner; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*, F. I. Klinker, Theo. Kampmann, C. H. Wenhold, Mrs. Ruth Doster, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Miss Martha Bishop, Miss Irene Ross.

Other Collectors, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Laura Kampmann, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Sarah Spinner, Miss Margaret Heine,

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Miss Helen de Schweinitz, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Bertha Tallon, Miss Lydia Leibert, Mrs. Fred J. Rice.

7.—West Side Forward Missionary Movement.

Interest in the direct support of a missionary representative has been maintained throughout the year, and there has been some progress toward the goal, full support of a missionary family.

The number of contributors remains the same as last year. Several have come forward voluntarily to take the places of those who have dropped out. The sum of $341.95 has passed through the Treasurer's hands, as compared with $321.15 reported last year. Of this amount $334.00 was applied toward Bro. Seibt's salary. Expenses, printing, etc., amounted to $7.95.

There were 27 regular and 4 occasional contributors, who gave a total of $238.86, as compared with $198.69 last year. It is but fair to state that a single contributor gave $122.00 or more than half the above amount. The Sunday School gave $35.79; the Ladies' Aid Society, $25.00; the Chapel Committee, $10.00; and $32.30 was received at the semi-annual meetings. The aim kept in view is to interest all the members residing on the West Side in missionary work, since it is impossible for any one to be a Christian, according to the standard of Jesus Himself, without taking an active part in making the Gospel known to all the world.

The financial statement given above is convincing proof of the fact that direct contact with the work in the field through a missionary representative increases interest and stimulates liberality. It also indicates how easy it would be for a comparatively small group to undertake the full support of a missionary family. About $600.00 is all that would be necessary to support the Seibts entirely.

The speakers at the semi-annual Mission Days were: in April, Bro. Theodore Reinke, and in December the Brethren John

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Greenfield and E. G. Hoyler. Extracts from letters were printed and circulated in connection with the annual report.

The Treasurer of the Movement is Emil J. Bishop.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—*The Ladies' Sewing Society.*

Organized January 28, 1869.

Five active and two honorary members have been enrolled during the past year, making a total membership of 32 active and 16 honorary.

The pleasant combination of social intercourse with work for home missions ought to appeal to a still greater number in the congregation.

The sum of $449.15 was spent in donations to home missionaries, and $83.72 was required for materials and other expenses.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp.

2.—*The Ladies' Sewing Circle.*

Organized October 9, 1881.

The Circle now has a membership of 13, besides 15 honorary names.

It works for the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, and gives financial assistance which is highly appreciated. A contribution of $300 was again made to this institution during the year.

Leader: Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—*The Busy Workers.*

Organized March 1, 1884.

The impetus received several years ago in the work undertaken by this Society has continued, and another increase in the membership can be reported. Five new names have been added to the roll, making the membership 26 active and 18 honorary.

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The annual Fair was a success, and this has made it possible to make all the donations planned, as follows:

$50.00 each to the Alaska Mission, Home Missions and the Theological Seminary and $10 each to the wives of 20 home missionaries. $25.00 was also given toward the furnishing of the parsonage at Elizabeth, N. J.

Officers: President, Miss Alice Prince; Vice-President, Miss Bertha Hark; Secretary, Miss Helena de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Fred. Krause.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized October, 1893.

The enrollment has this year again been increased, 21 active and 3 honorary members responding. Seven meetings have been held, the usual number, at the homes of members.

The Thanksgiving season has once more been marked by the shipping of a box of clothing and household supplies, to gladden the hearts of a home missionary family. The value of this gift, including the accompanying check, was $343.20.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward Jacobson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna M. Pownall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau.

5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

But for the co-operation of this Society it would have been impossible to undertake the improvement and renovation of the Chapel during the year. Though this enterprise made a very heavy draft upon the resources of the Society, other causes were not forgotten. In addition to $100.00 donated toward the Chapel Improvement Fund, $9.75 was spent for local charity, and $25.00 was given toward the support of Bro. and Sr. Seibt.

There are 16 active and 2 honorary members.

Again we would call this form of service to the attention of all ladies of the congregation living on the West Side, as something eminently worth while.

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Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; Vice-President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice-President, Miss Emma Transue; Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Bishop; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner.

6.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

This Society counts 20 members, who meet every Wednesday afternoon at the Chapel during the greater part of the year. Eight quilts were made this year, two of which were given to the sick-room of the Moravian College. No public sale was held this year. With the aid of a few friends a new sewing machine was purchased, a great assistance to the Society in genral sewing.

The Society furnished refreshments at the annual business meeting of the attendants at the Chapel. It also gave $25.00 toward the furnishings of the Chapel during the Summer, and $10.00 toward a Christmas present for the members of the choir. Other donations brought the total up to $42.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice-President, Mrs. William Desh; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Smith.

7.—Young Women's Sewing Circle of Laurel Street Chapel.

Circumstances have been such that no particular work has been done during the year, and meetings are not regularly held.

There are ten members on the roll.

President, Mrs. Frank B. Ricksecker.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. *First Circles formed in* 1887.

The work of the Union during the year has been blessed in many ways. There are now 25 Circles, with a total membership of 382, an increase of 1 Circle and 30 names.

The Union's special work has been the support of a nurse for special calls in the congregation, the providing of bandages for the Leper Hospital in Surinam and the financial support of the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, and the providing of dinners for a needy sister in the congregation.

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But besides this the various Circles have been very active in other directions, doing plain sewing for busy mothers, making clothes for needy children, sending dinners, flowers and fruit to the sick, helping needy families, caring for the mission rooms, sending Christmas gifts to the Children's Home and making clothes for the inmates of the same institution, collecting cancelled stamps for Foreign Missions, quilting, sending provisions to the College at Thanksgiving, refurnishing the infirmary at the College, contributing to the nurse's "supply closet," and rendering aid in many other ways, where needed "in His Name."

As far as reported, individual Circles made contributions to various causes amounting to $521.63, and the Union's treasury shows receipts amounting to $750.66. The expenditures were $679.67. The permanent investment fund amounts to $2615.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. W. Detterer, Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz, Mrs. H. A. Jacobson; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie A. Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

The past year has been very encouraging. A deeper interest and a renewed activity on the part of the members is distinctly felt. Not only have the needs of missions been more clearly seen, but more systematic methods of giving have been put into operation.

The regular quarterly meetings of the Union have been held, with exceptionally good attendance. A social hour was held after two of these meetings, proving very successful as a means of bringing the members of the several Societies closer together.

At the last meeting no speaker was engaged, as had been the custom, but an "open meeting" was held, with fine responses and prompt participation. While the Societies are in a healthy condition generally, there is still room for an increase in membership.

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Officers: President, Jesse M. Bodder; Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Della Preisch; Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Schrader.

1.— West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

No glowing account can be given of the activities of this Society for the year under review. Although every effort was made by the pastor and by faithful members to induce a larger number of our young people to avail themselves of the help this organization is designed to afford them, the membership has remained small, and the attendance still smaller, so that it is rather a feeling of discouragement that predominates.

There are 19 members enrolled, 15 female and 4 male, besides 7 honorary members.

If all who are enrolled could be counted upon to attend the meetings, there would be less cause for discouragement. The Wednesday night was chosen for meetings, because it was thought that there would be fewer distractions on what is supposedly recognized as a "church night."

Unfortunately such recognition no longer seems to prevail, and young people must choose between parties, moving pictures, basket-ball, etc., on the one hand, and prayer-meeting on the other, with the result that attendance at prayer-meeting suffers to such an extent as to discourage the faithful few. Another attempt is being made to rally the young people, and it is to be hoped, for their sake, that it may lead to better things for the coming year. With the increase of distractions, it is more needful than ever that young people should have the spiritual help which the Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting affords.

Officers: President, Miss Geneva Morgan; Vice-President, Miss Mabel Smith; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Schrader; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ellen Schupp; Treasurer, Miss Josephine Herman.

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2.—West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

The meetings of this Society were held regularly during the first half of the year, under the leadership of Mrs. F. W. Stengel. But there have been no meetings since the Summer vacation, since it was impossible for Mrs. Stengel to resume the work, and no one else could be found to take it up.

Volunteers for this form of service are greatly needed. If they could be found, the meetings might be resumed immdiately.

The Society contributed $7.50 toward the salary of our C. E. missionary representative, Bro. Weinland.

3.—Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

The record of the year is one of success in all respects. Numerically the growth of the Society has been satisfactory, exceeding recent years. Financially, all expenses and pledges have been met, including the $50.00 promised toward the support of Bro. Weinland in Southern California. For the coming year this pledge has been increased to $62.00. A new plan for weekly systematic giving has been adopted, with excellent results, and this has simplified the giving of the members greatly.

The prayer-meetings have been held throughout the year, and have proved a spiritual uplift to all attending.

There are 30 young people holding membership in the Society, 14 male and 16 female, besides 2 associate members.

The receipts of the year were $79.53.

Officers: President, I. Richard Mewaldt; Vice-President, Miss Florence Tencate; Recording Secretary, Miss Isabel Canam; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha Bishop; Treasurer, Conrad Shimer; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Susie Jacobson.

4.—Central Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized April 7, 1892.

From year to year there are to be expected decided changes in the membership of such a Society as this, and this year the nu-

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merical strength is not equal to that of 1909. However the interest of the boys and girls has not apparently decreased at all. Both the leaders and the Juniors themselves need the co-operation of the parents and older friends to make the Society and its work a real success.

15 girls and 10 boys are enrolled at present.

The Weinland Fund received $10.88 from the treasury; a Christmas donation called for $5.50; and other expenses amounted to $1.00.

Officers: President, Louise de Schweinitz; Vice-President, Constance Bennett; Secretary, Marion Clewell; Treasurer, Charles Stengel; Pianist, Louise Thaeler.

Leaders in charge: Miss Marian A. Beckel, Miss Martha M. Bishop, Miss Susan Jacobson, Mr. Reinhold Riemer.

5.—*Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

During the Summer months no meetings were held, and when, in the Fall, the meetings were resumed, it was found necessary to reorganize. The membership is not yet large, but the meetings are fairly well attended, and considerable interest is manifested.

There are 8 active members, 3 male and 5 female. The Society has, however, paid its pledge of $12.50 toward Brother Weinland's salary.

Officers: President, Taylor Van Vleck; Vice-President, J. Seward Titlow; Secretary, Miss Dorothy Mack; Treasurer, Miss Daisy Nonnemacher; Organist, Miss Florence Mack.

6.—*Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

When the meetings were resumed after the Summer vacation 54 names were on the list, 15 male and 39 female. Meetings are held every Thursday at 4:30 P.M. A candy sale was held, which netted $14.23. Missionary collections added enough to bring the

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total for Missions up to $15.75, of which $12.00 was donated toward Bro. Weinland's salary. Current expenses amounted to $1.45.

Superintendents, Miss Stella Ehrgott, Miss Mary Smith; Assistants, Mrs. Clarence H. Reichel and Taylor Van Vleck.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

Although the name of the Young Men's League may not have been prominently brought before the congregation during the past months, its work has gone steadily forward.

Its members have again had the use of the Parochial School Gymnasium three nights a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, during the Winter months, and the athletic department of the League has centered much of the interest of the members. The classes in the gymnasium have enrolled 25 young men, but there is still room for more. The minimum age limit has been placed at 18 years.

The basket-ball teams have also been doing good work.

Quite a number of the League members have taken up canoeing, and a canoe club has been formed. Enjoyable camping trips have been taken down the Lehigh River, and several water-melon parties have been given during the season, keeping the members in touch with each other.

The League's spring at Willow Eddy, on the south side of the River, has been taken care of by members of the organization, having been discovered and walled out in 1908 by League men. Drinking cups have been supplied, and the spring has become a favorite stopping-place for canoeists and fishermen, besides furnishing all the water for a farmhouse near-by.

Thirty young men comprise the membership of the League.

The expenditures of the year were $82.00.

Officers: President, Frank Gapp; First Vice-President, William Rice; Second Vice-President, Robert Werst; Secretary, Raymond W. Bodder; Treasurer, Fred. Beckel.

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2.—*Laurel Street Ushers' Association.*

Organized October 1, 1906.

It has been the continuous endeavor of the Association to perform the service for which it was organized, and the work of the year has been done promptly and faithfully. No new members have been received, but one of the associate members was transferred to the honorary list.

The Association has contributed in cash $10.00 to the Chapel's improvements, and, in addition, the members gathered several times to make the necessary excavations under the northern extension of the Chapel which was erected during the Summer.

There are 13 young men in the Association, 8 active and 5 associate.

Officers: President, Clarence Reichel; Vice-President, J. Seward Titlow; Secretary, Robert P. More; Treasurer, Joseph H. Heller; fifth member, Walter Titlow.

3.—*The Trombone Choir.*

The general revival of interest in the work of the congregation has been manifested scarcely anywhere more clearly than in this choir. Particularly among the young men has there been a readiness to assist in the work for which there are constant calls. During the year the choir was called out on 110 occasions, both festal and funeral. There were 32 death announcements alone. Different anniversaries have also seemed incomplete without the solemn music of the trombones, and this has been freely rendered on a number of occasions.

There are 17 active members of the choir.

Leader: Charles H. Neisser.

4.—*The Emergency Choir.*

The unusual number of deaths in the congregation during 1910 laid special calls before the members of this organization of ladies, but the request for help has always been met with sympathetic promptness. It is only when sorrow has come into one's own home that this kindly service is fully appreciated. But the

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Emergency Choir has now come to be one of the activities of the congregation which would be most sorely missed, were it not able to continue its ministrations at any time.

Several new members have been added to the choir during the past months, so that now 18 ladies are ready to respond to calls.

Leader: Mrs. Doster.

5 — *The Moravian College Guild.*

Organized during 1910.

This most recent of all our organizations was formed during the past year for the purpose of supplying the Moravian College and Theological Seminary with articles needed for the domestic equipment of the institution.

There are 22 Directors, each of whom associates with herself at least 5 aides, contributors to the cause represented by the Guild.

Meetings are held only when necessary.

Last year's contributions were valued at over $200.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. J. S. Krause; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp.

GENERAL NOTES.

A very pleasant Reception was tendered the entire congregation by the united Societies on the evening of May 13, and this was an occasion which delightfuly introduced the new members, who had been received on Palm Sunday, to those who had longer been connected with the work of the Church. The uniting of all the Societies in this effort gave the occasion a much more general and representative character than if it had been undertaken by a single branch of workers.

During the weeks that the organ of the Central Church was being rebuilt, the congregational singing was led by a piano, placed beside the pulpit, the choir occupying the side and front pews on the north side. While the experience was novel and all were glad when the organ could again be used, there may have been some advantages, in that the congregation learned anew not to depend upon an instrument, but upon its own spirit of song.

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V. General Financial Statistics.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1909, to November 30, 1910, by the Congregation for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$30,500 19
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	10,362 28
Total	$40,862 47

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees for the year ending November 30, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$16,617 35	
From Land Rents	651 62	
From House Rents	1,752 25	
		$19,021 22
Contributions of Members		4,018 30
Total Receipts		$23,039 52
Excess of Disbursements		659 87
		$23,699 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 950 55	
Repairs to Productive Property	521 17	
General Expenses	1,397 28	
		$ 2,869 00
Donations		500 00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$ 5,089 28	
Repairs and Furniture	678 04	
		5,767 32

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Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,200 00	
Archive Expenses	181 19	
Repairs to Church Buildings, (special)	1,070 00	
Repairs to Church Buildings, General	737 32	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	675 00	
Parsonage Expenses	628 87	
Church Expenses, including salaries	10,070 69	
		14,563 07
Total Disbursements		$23,699 39

J. S. KRAUSE, *Treasurer.*

3. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 81 58
Interest	673 50
Church Collection	113 36
	$ 868 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donated to 8 persons	$ 534 00
Balance, November 30, 1910	334 44
	$ 868 44

HERMAN A. DOSTER, *Treasurer.*

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4. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $192.77; Sunday Schools, $77.45; Individuals, $2.73)	$ 272 95
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $158.70; Sunday Schools, $57.71; Individuals, $42.95)	259 36
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $359.58; Sunday Schools, $105.79; Societies, $522.96)	988 33
Foreign Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $477.61; Sunday Schools, $217.35; Societies, $1075.05; Individuals, $247.38)	2,017 39
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $624.14; Sunday Schools, $98.30; Societies, $50.00; Individuals, $94.62)	867 06
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $549.33; Sunday Schools, $75.82; Societies, $55.74; Individuals, $15.74)	696 63
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, Collections	175 00
Home Missions, other special objects, (Collections, $1014.50; Sunday Schools, $34.45; Societies, $1026.30; Individuals, $54.80)	2,130 05
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $262.57; Sunday Schools, $155.51; Societies, $473.18; Individuals, $1,000.00)	1,891 26
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church	$ 9,298 03
General Christian objects, (Collections, $70.13; Sunday Schools, $62.99; Societies, $293.71)	426 83
Congregation purposes, (not including $3195.00, non-Moravian Parochial School dues, but collections, Church-dues and special efforts)	7,774 04
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$17,508 90

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5. Contribution of the Congregation, from all sources, to objects outside of its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds.	$ 500 00
Derived by Societies from invested funds	137 42
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	9,724 86
Total	$10,362 28

6. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1910, exclusive of the Nisky Hill accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the congregation	$19,681 09
Appropriated from income of Almoners	340 06
Appropriated from income of invested funds of Societies	137 42
Contributed by individuals through various congregational channels	17,508 90
Parochial School dues, from non-Moravians	3,195 00
Grand total from income and contributions	$40,862 47

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VI.—The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1910.

CHURCH MEMBERS.	Totals, Nov. 30, 1909.	INCREASE DURING 1910						DECREASE DURING 1910.				Totals Nov. 30, 1910.
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received		Re-admitted	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Dropped	
			Moravian	Non Moravian	Moravian	Non-Moravian						
A.—Communicants, viz												
Males	667	0	9	7	3	5	1	13	0	7	12	660
Females	892	2	17	2	5	11	0	11	0	7	11	900
												1560
B—Non Communicants over 13 Years, viz:		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Males	56	18			0			1	9	0	0	64
Females	54	20			4			0	17	0	2	61
												125
C.—Children		Baptized			Received			Died	Transferred to Non-Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Boys under 13 years	176	21			2			4	18	0	0	177
Girls under 13 years	144	10			2			1	20	1	2	132
												309
Grand Total	1989											1994

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		Non-Resident		Souls		
	Males	*Females*	*Males*	*Females*	*Resident*	*Non resident*	*Total*
Married Couples	324	324	24	24	648	48	696
Married Men	48		12		48	12	60
Married Women		96		37	96	37	133
Widowers	39		2		39	2	41
Widows		120		8	120	8	128
Single Men	176		24		176	24	200
Single Women		259		14	259	14	273
Older Boys	11		0		11	0	11
Older Girls		18		0	18	0	18
Total Communicants	598	817	62	83	1415	145	1560

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	598	817	1415
Non-Resident Communicants	62	83	145
Total Communicants	660	900	1560
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	16	.....	16
Single Women	.....	15	15
Older Boys	48	.....	48
Older Girls	.....	46	46
Total Non-Communicants	64	61	125
CHILDREN.			
Resident	151	120	271
Non-Resident	26	12	38
Total Children	177	132	309
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	803	995	1798
Non-Resident	98	98	196
Grand Total	901	1093	1994

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males	*Females*	*Total*
Married People	408	481	889
Widowers	41		41
Widows		128	128
Single Men	216		216
Single Women		288	288
Older Boys	59		59
Older Girls		64	64
Children	177	132	39
Grand Total Membership	901	1093	1994

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VII. A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation, at the End of the Year 1910.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Harry J. Meyers, 1909.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Henry B. Schneller, 1907.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03, '07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1907.
9 persons.

The School Board.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
F. William Stengel, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
William Hartman, 1910.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Julius D. Bishop, 1903.
Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Abraham R. Benner, 1899.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.
3 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868,
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904,
Secretary, 1907.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Charles E. Leibert, 1893.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884.
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Cornelia M. Traeger, 1890.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.

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Mrs. William M. Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Frank H. Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
25 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Abraham R. Benner, 1892.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
George W. Grube, 1910.
8 persons.

Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel.

William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
Morris Kindig, 1907.
4 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Nicholas Schwab, 1896,
Chairman, 1910.
Alfred C. Betge,
Vice Chairman, 1910.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Franklin S. Schwab, 1891.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer Ruth, 1906.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
James A. Crawford, 1907.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
John Van Horne, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Charles Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
John Heine, 1910.
Richard Cunningham, 1910.
Winifred Stubblebine, 1910.
25 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

Clarence H. Reichel,
President, 1906.
J. Seward Titlow,
Vice President, 1909.
Robert P. More, Secretary, 1909.
Joseph Heller, Treasurer, 1908.
Glenmore D. Mease, 1906.
R. Fred Mease, 1907.
John R. Heine, 1907.
Clarence Rominger, 1907.
Edgar More, 1907.
Arthur Hewitt, 1906.
Walter Titlow, 1909.
Truman Matz, 1909.
Herbert Ross, 1907.
13 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel.

Henry B. Schneller, 1908-'11,
Chairman.
Walter Titlow, 1910-'13,
Vice Chairman.
Arthur G. Hewitt, 1908-'11,
Secretary.
James M. Yeakel, 1909-'12,
Treasurer.
Philip Bernhardt, 1910-'13.
The Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1909-'12.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex-officio.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel.

James D. Maynes, 1909-'12,
Chairman.
Joseph E. Smith, 1910-'13,
Secretary.
William F. Hartman, 1910-'13,
Treasurer.
Morris L. Kindig, 1909-'12.
William M. Constable, 1908-'11.
Asher Hower, 1908-'11.
The Rev. F. W. Stengel, ex-officio.
7 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

14 persons.

Rev. A. D. Thaeler,
Superintendent, 1907.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D.,
Assistant Superintendent, 1907.
Miss Marian Beckel,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1908.
Mrs. David Rebstock,
Asst., Primary Dept., 1909.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.

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John Heine, Asst. Secretary.
Clarence H. Boehm,
Treasurer, 1897.
Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
William F. Hartman,
Musical Director, 1907.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept.
R. Fred Mease, Librarian, 1908.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Edmund de S. Brunner, 1907.
Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1901.
Miss Annie A. Becker, 1907.
Miss Martha Bishop, 1904.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1907.
Miss Helena de Schweinitz, 1908.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1908.
Miss Lila Wenhold, 1905.
Mrs. L. Tencate, 1909.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Laura Kampmann, 1909.
Mrs. Frank Snyder, 1909.
Immanuel R. Mewaldt, 1909.
Miss Jeannette Murray, 1910.
Miss Susan Jacobson, 1910.
Miss Nola Van Horne.
Miss Harriet Olpp, 1910.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1910.
Alfred de G. Vogler, 1910.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1910.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1910.
Mrs. G. Wm. Eberman, 1910.
43 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Charles H. Rominger, 1909.
Superintendent.
Fred. B. Hartman,
Asst. Supt. and Organist, 1910.
Harry E. Stern, Secretary, 1909.
Frank Miksch, 1907,
Asst. Secretary.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch, 1901.
Treasurer.
Augustus Schmich, Librarian, 1909.
Charles Hackman, 1907.
Asst. Librarian.
Francis Hagen.
Supt. Primary Dept., 1910.
Mrs. Emma Meyers,
Supt. Home Dept., 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers,
Supt. Sub-Primary Dept., 1899.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905.
Asst. Supt. Sub-Primary Dept.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1908,
Organist, Primary Dept.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Lizzie Bush, 1890.
Miss Laura King, 1906.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Lillian Kildare, 1907.
Miss Alice Crist, 1907.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Ferdinand Drebert, 1908.
Theophil Mueller, 1909.
William Scheel, 1908.
Alfred Vogler, 1908.
Eugene Michael, 1908.
Reinhold Riemer, 1909.
Taylor Van Vleck, 1910.
John Moore, 1910.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Miss Florence Tencate, 1909.
Miss Nina Krause, 1909.
Miss Helen Peters, 1909.
Mrs. R. Kirkpatrick, 1907.
Miss Letitia Schrader, 1905.
33 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Superintendent, 1907.
Wm. Halteman, Secretary, 1904.
Clarence Reichel,
Asst. Secretary, 1907.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt. Primary Dept., 1887.
Miss Iva Krause,
Treasurer, 1901, also Asst. Supt. Primary Department.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Harry Richter,
Asst. Librarian, 1907.
Frank Ricksecker, Organist, 1906.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist Primary Dept.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Mrs. Frederick Weinland, 1902.

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VIII.—The Necrology.

This register covers the year, December 1, 1909, to November 30, 1910, ith the exception of the first name, which should have appeared in the last .eport.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
llen Luckenbach	February 10, 1852	November 17, 1909
osephine Emilia (Fenner) Warner	November 24, 1834	December 24, 1909
larah Elizabeth (Lynn) Moyer	January 7, 1843	December 5, 1909
eonard George Frank Burkhardt	November 2, 1909	December 19, 1909
ora M. (Weed) Smith	August 24, 1859	January 19, 1910
William Turner	February 9, 1859	January 27, 1910
Stewart Amandus Evans	February 7, 1902	January 28, 1910
Iefferson Clay Wagner	November 29, 1850	February 2, 1910
Anna Maria Becker	April 9, 1826	February 3, 1910
Howard Stewart Bianckini	September 30, 1907	February 3, 1910
Henry Adolph Bischoff	July 20, 1839	February 23, 1910
Howard Franklin Schwab	April 20, 1905	March 4, 1910
Sarah Sophia (Cassler) Garvin	May 21, 1824	March 29, 1910
Maria Henrietta Miksch	July 16, 1834	April 10, 1910
Beata Emery	March 24, 1910	April 14, 1910
Olivia Cordelia Yost	December 4, 1845	April 19, 1910
Minnie V. (Markle) Blake	February 8, 1878	May 4, 1910
Ellen Louisa (Lehr) Snyder	July 16, 1854	May 7, 1910
Julia Ann (Goth) Degelow	June 27, 1837	May 8, 1910
Florence Marion Emery	February 16, 1883	May 29, 1910
Joseph Hark	January 15, 1819	June 18, 1910
Eugene Theodore Wilhelm	February 6, 1849	June 23, 1910
Arthur Chasden Emery	December 7, 1907	July 5, 1910
Robert Otto Rau	October 24, 1896	July 13, 1910
Anton Frederick Hosse	December 17, 1831	July 24, 1910
William Henry Deemer	September 23, 1834	July 30, 1910
Adolph Conradi	August 11, 1838	August 4, 1910
Simon Rau	April 12, 1818	August 9, 1910
Augustus Sidney Bishop	August 19, 1846	August 24, 1910
Levi Frederick Schupp	October 20, 1858	October 6, 1910
Ellen Louisa Sigley	October 15, 1843	October 9, 1910
Alvin Walter Mack	May 22, 1876	November 12, 1910

Of these thirty-one, seven were children and twenty-four were communicant members of the congregation.

The Pastors also officiated at the funerals of twenty persons not members of the congregation.

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Preface.

FOR many years it has been the custom of the Board of Elders to publish its full report of the summarized statements of the organizations which make up the working force of the congregation. It does this with the two-fold purpose, of setting clearly and openly before every member the actual condition of things at the end of each year, and of furnishing a compendium of useful information regarding the work that has been accomplished, the register of workers and the officers who lead in the service committed to each organization.

This is the One Hundred and Seventieth Annual Report, and it is sent to all the membership in the hope that it may be useful both as a review and as a stimulus to even more effective Christian work.

The period covered is that from December 1, 1910, to November 30, 1911. The lists of officials of the congregation have, however, been corrected to the end of December, 1911, in order that the result of the elections early in that month might be incorporated and thereby the statement be made perfectly correct and up-to-date.

It will be a kindness appreciated if any errors are immediately noted and information is given to the Pastors, for correction, if necessary, in the following Report.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1911.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—Manuel E. Kemper, 1905; William H. Fluck, 1911.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio and Secretary;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* William S. Hermany, ('09-'12); G. Frederick Krause, ('09-'12); Emil J. Bishop, ('10-'13); Henry B. Schneller, ('10-'13); George W. Riegel, ('11-'14); Albert G. Rau, ('11-'14).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('10-'13); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President*, ('09-'12); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('11-'14); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('11-'14); Harry J. Meyers, ('11-'14); William V. Knauss, ('09-'12); Allen J. Sterner, ('09-'12); Aaron B. Levers, ('10-'13); George J. Grider, ('10-'13).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('10-'13); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('11-'14); Abraham C. Prince, ('09-'12); William F. Hartman, ('10-'12); G. William Riegel, ('10-'13); Clayton C. Teter, ('11-'14).

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ALMONERS.—Matthew J. Schmid, ('08-'13), *President;* Herman A. Doster, ('10-'15), *Secretary and Treasurer;* Harry B. Eggert, ('09-'14); Frank V. Kleckner, ('11-'16); James T. Borhek, ('11-'12).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Frederick H. Wilhelm, Franklin H. Brunner, (all '11-'12).

PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('11-'12).

SECRETARY OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('11-'12).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8, and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7:30 P.M., Evening service.

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Mid-week service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8:30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

Friday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Junior C. E. Society.

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V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.

10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.

7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7:45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1:45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.

6:30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7:30 and 11:30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7:30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I. The Public Means of Grace.

The year has been marked by a change in the personnel of the pastorate, though not of the general system adopted ten years ago, and found to be a solution in large part of the difficulties then experienced.

During the month of May Bro. F. W. Stengel, who had been First Assistant Pastor since September 29, 1901, moved to Ohio, accepting a call to the pastoral charge of the congregation at Canal Dover. Bro. M. E. Kemper then became First Assistant Pastor, and Bro. W. H. Fluck, pastor of the Second Moravian Congregation at York, Pa., accepted a call to be Second Assistant Pastor. He entered upon his duties here on June 25, 1911.

There has been no interruption of the regular services in Church and Chapels, though with the leaving of Brother Stengel, who had had particularly the charge of the German work of the congregation, it became necessary to effect a change there. The Board of Elders, after careful consideration, decided upon services in the German language in the Old Chapel every other Sunday morning, instead of every week. Through the Summer and into the Autumn Bro. Franz Zeller, temporarily on the retired list, had charge of these services, and then Bro. A. Schultze, in addition to his duties at the Moravian Theological Seminary, consented to assume responsibility temporarily for this part of the work.

The Lord's Supper, it was at the same time resolved, should, at its celebration in the afternoons, be also held partly in English. This has resulted in largely increasing the attendance on this occasion.

At several of the Morning Prayer services of the year there have been introduced printed liturgies, each embodying the distinctive historical idea of the day, couched in Scriptural language and hymns.

In general there may be noted a very encouraging steadiness of attendance at the services, in all the places of worship. The strength of a congregation is not to be seen at the special occasion which brings together even those who need something out of

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ie ordinary to draw them to God's house, but at the regular Sunay services, when the main purpose is simply worship and edifiation.

The one point at which there is yet a weakness is the mid-week ervice. This is a meeting which is by no means as much appreiated by the membership as it should be. The attendance is no maller than for a number of years past, and yet one could wish t far larger. There is considerable variety in the methods emloyed. As a general thing there is an opportunity for Bible Study. Then again meetings are held for participation on the part of all present. And still again illustrated lectures are given, covering some missionary field of the Church. Were this meeting o be more universally recognized and used by the membership of the congregation, there might be expected a far more healthy levelopment along every line. It must, however, be said that many of the young people have been very loyal to the mid-week service.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the West Side has been holding its meetings on Wednesday evening, in order to make this the mid-week service for that Chapel.

There has been a very large numerical increase in the congregation this year. The communicant membership at the close of 1910 was 1560; now it stands at 1601. This was due to two main causes: an exceptionally large accession, especially on Palm Sunday; and on the other hand the reluctance of the Board of Elders to exercise the discipline required by the Rules in the case of financial delinquents, pending the action of the congregation on certain proposals relative to the collection of contributions in support of the establishment. Many names that perhaps should have been dropped this year were held, in the hope that dropping might not be necessary later.

The total membership is 9 larger than last year, therefore it will be seen that the heaviest increase has been in the enrollment of communicants. A falling off has taken place among the non-communicants, that is among those between the ages of 13 and 21 who have not become communicants. This may not be a serious

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indication, but when we again note a decrease of 7 in the lists of the children we regret the shrinkage. In the children is the hope of any Church.

Especially during the latter part of the year the death rate has been very high. Of communicants 28 and of children 5 have been called away.

A study of the statistics of membership, to be found later in this Report, will be very interesting.

In the Central Church 167 services were held during the year: in the Old Chapel, 80; in the West Side Chapel, 47; at Laurel Street Chapel, 88; total, 382.

The Register also records the following:

Infant baptisms, in the Central Church, 1; at Laurel Street Chapel, 1; in the homes of parents, 30; total, 32.

Adult baptisms, in the Church, 1.

Confirmations, in the Church, 44; in Laurel Street Chapel, 8; at private homes, 1; total, 53.

Receptions from other Moravian congregations, 9; from other denominations, 19; total, 28.

Re-admissions, 4.

Marriages, in the Central Church, 3; at the parsonages, or at other homes, 17; total, 20.

Funerals, in the Old Chapel, 3; at Nisky Hill Chapel, 1; at the late residences, 41; total, 45.

Other statistics may be found on page 37.

The average attendance at the celebrations of the Lord's Supper in the afternoon was 96; in the evening, 334.

II. The Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

As already noted, in the preceding section of this Report, a decided change was brought about in the pastorate by the removal of Bro. Stengel to another charge. There is now no Pastor specially vested with responsibility for the German work, but the preaching in the German Chapel has been otherwise arranged for.

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The great need, however, to which allusion was made under the aption of "the Sunday Schools" in last year's Report, was paricularly considered when the call was extended to Brother Fluck, ınd he came with the understanding that a large part of his vork was to be among the younger portion of the congregation. Inder the arrangement at present existing, therefore, he has aken up both the general pastoral oversight of the work of the ongregation on the West Side and the task of establishing a more close contact with the children and young people of the congregation at large. The first means to this end is the use of the regular Sunday School channels.

But no proposition will work which does not meet with a spirit of co-operation. It has been generally admitted that a worker among the young people was needed by the congregation. It has been possible to secure one, who stands ready to meet the need. It would be a great pity if the opportunity would be allowed to slip through indifference.

There is no intention whatever in this to disarrange relations that already exist, but rather to move forward toward a more thorough pastoral supervision and assistance of each portion of a large congregation. Let a warm welcome therefore be extended Brother Fluck into all the activities which particularly concern the young people, and let all who have this part of the work of the congregation upon their hearts consult him about it, no matter in what part of the town it may be.

And, in general, the recommendation might here be repeated, that as much as possible the idea be banished that the work of any one of the Pastors is limited to a certain sphere, or within a section bounded by certain streets. That would be equivalent to dividing the congregation into three unequal parts, and would result in the loss of a tremendous force which is derived from the unity and co-operation of all parts. Whatever lines exist are merely those of convenience. There is only one congregation, and it has three pastors. Let each have his opportunity, throughout the congregation, and there will be no danger of unwieldiness or of neglect of any portion.

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III. The Schools of the Congregation.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Reviews are good, but previews are better. It is for this reason that it has been the object of this section of the Report for several years to set before the congregation the probabilities of the congregation in the future. Except under circumstances which are altogether exceptional, the congregation of the years to come will be in large part just what the Sunday Schools are today. If due care has been given to the lambs of the flock, the sheep may be counted in full number. Neglect the children of a congregation and in that very proportion may the Church look for weakness to develop in itself.

The year that is past has been one of considerable intensive work. There is a distinct note of encouargement in all the reports of the Sunday Schools. Large additions to the membership of the West Side and Laurel Street Schools have so far offset a shrinkage in the Central enrollment as to raise the grand total to just over 1100, better than last year by 27. And then again a deeper spirit of steady fidelity to duty has marked the entire teaching force. Those who now accept the responsibility for a class do so with the distinct understanding that they will try their utmost to be in their places on every Sunday. This has caused a reaction among the scholars in the same direction,—and it always will. As a matter of fact, the key to the whole Sunday School situation is, in the last analysis, the teacher of the class.

If we consider the statistics of the three schools together, we find that we have an enrollment of 998 scholars, 103 teachers, together, 1101. Three Home Departments have a total of 244, and three Cradle Rolls count 78. So the grand total of persons connected with the Sunday School work of the congregation is 1423.

The proposal last year, that the congregation ought to have some one who might exercise pastoral oversight over especially the young people and the children of the whole congregation, and that he should have his time kept sufficiently free for this kind of work, became a reality more quickly than had at that time

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been expected. Reference should be made to Section II of this Report for greater detail along this line.

Brother Fluck has made a beginning in the direction indicated. It was impossible during the Summer months, the vacation period, to do much more than "hold the fort." Then acquaintance with the West Side field became the first imperative. But now each door is to be entered, throughout the congregation, as it is found yielding to that degree of pushing which any wise and courteous pastor may exercise.

It is strongly recommended that there be a re-reading of the Annual Report of 1910, in this Section, that the object of the Board of Elders in seeking to formulate its plan may be fully understood. Brother Fluck is here to try to carry out that plan. Let every Sunday School worker help him. The congregation will soon begin to feel the results. There has already been a wider feeling of unity of purpose and effort. This is a beginning in the right direction.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The year that has closed shows once more a numerical decrease, but otherwise there has been a decided improvement in all the conditions under which the work is carried on. For example, this has been the first Summer for a long time in which there was no difficulty in maintaining a full teaching force, for there was an exceptional degree of willingness on the part of those able to assume this duty. And again, while the total enrollment is a little smaller than at the time of the last report, the average attendance has increased by almost the same figure as the other decrease. The Men's Bible Class held its sessions all Summer, for the first time. Each department of the school has striven for greater efficiency, and in addition a Cradle Roll has been added, under the direction of Miss Harriet Olpp.

The orchestra continues to be one of the most helpful and interesting features of the School. Under the direction of Mr. Wm. F. Hartman, it has developed a proficiency which is remarkable, especially when it is remembered that all the members are boys

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and girls, regular scholars in the classes of the Main Department.

For the present year the School has returned to the study of the Uniform Lessons, chiefly because of the justifiable criticism that so large a part of the work recommended by the Graded Course for the Summer was extra-Scriptural, all right in itself, but of secondary importance as over against the actual use of the Bible itself. The more recent proposition, to grade the Uniform Lessons, would seem to possess even more that is of value, and it is to be hoped that this move can be put through.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 160; female, 240; total, 400. Teachers and officers, male, 17; female, 23; total, 40. Total enrollment: male, 177; female, 263. Grand total, 440. Average attendance, 269. This last figure is always lowered by the increasing degree of absence from home during the Summer months.

Home Department visitors, 10; members, 113; total, 123. Annual contributions, $126.46.

Cradle roll, 21.

The collections in the School itself during the year amounted to $477.31. Donations amounting to $772.14 were made. The expenses were $233.00.

B.—THE WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Despite the fact that no organization ever passes the point where greater efficiency is no longer desired, not one discordant note can be sounded concerning the recent work of this school. Every department is in a healthy condition, and both officers and scholars feel not only encouraged, but enthusiastic. Here, as in other lines of Christian activity, where any measure of success has been attained, the glory belongs to the Holy Spirit. So far as human consecration is concerned, however, great credit is due the Superintendent, Mr. Charles H. Rominger and his efficient corps of teachers and officers. That they are loyal and progressive need not be stated at any great length. The fact that a class is seldom without its regular teacher attests the former; and the well-organized condition of the school, the latter. The present aim is to raise still higher the standard of efficiency, and to im-

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prove the average attendance. With these objects in view Look-out and Efficiency Committees have been appointed, from which are expected valuable service in 1912. A Sunday School Cabinet has also been formed, to keep vigilant watch over the affairs of the School between the sessions of the Teachers' Association.

Many of the classes have been organized, and a Cradle Roll has been begun. The Young Men's Bible Class, for some time disbanded, mainly because no teacher was available, has come together again, and in view of the past helpfulness of these young men we are counting on their future hearty co-operation. The Home Department continues to flourish, with an increase of membership over last year. The Adult Bible Class and the Young Ladies' Class have shown greatly increased interest, and in the Sub-Primary often the very last chair is filled.

A very pleasant social occasion was the Reception given by the Association to the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Fluck, in June.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 127; female, 141; total, 268. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 17; total, 32. Total enrollment, male, 142; female, 158; grand total of school proper, 300. Cradle roll, 20. Home Department, 96.

Average attendance, 195.

The expenses of the year were $297.45, and the donations amounted to $205.35.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We are glad to be able to report a larger enrollment than last year, although the average attendance is not as great, owing to the unusual prevalence of sickness during the later Summer. There is a united effort on the part of the teachers and officers to build up the school along all lines. During the last months of the year the attendance has been very good.

The Home Department, of which Mrs. J. M. Yeakel is the Superintendent, numbers 23. The Cradle Roll has grown to 37. Of this Department Mrs. C. H. Reichel is the Superintendent.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 147; female, 183; total, 330. Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 15; total, 30. Total enrollment,

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male, 162; female, 198; grand total, 360. Average attendance, 218.

Donations were made amounting to $165.00. The expenses of the year were $211.95.

II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

The school has been fortunate in being able to retain its tried corps of teachers, therefore it is but natural that the same favorable statement as in the last report can be made in regard to the work of teachers and scholars. About half the pupils have been on the honor roll each month, which means that their work has reached an average of at least ninety per cent. There is also throughout the school a spirit of kindliness and cheerfulness which is most gratifying. Altogether, the system of self-discipline, which has been characteristic of the institution for many years, continues to give excellent results.

The work in the gymnasium in its two phases, systematic physical training and voluntary athletics, has again been under the direction of Mr. Peter Boquel, assisted by Miss Helen Lennox.

The Literary Society, the Debating Society, the School Paper, and the Athletic Association, all conducted by Boards elected by the pupils from their own number, continue to prove a valuable educational factor, and show vigorous life.

Fourteen pupils have left school through graduation; twelve, because their parents have moved from town; five have entered business, etc.; and eight have gone to other schools here and elsewhere. On the other hand, thirty-three new pupils have entered, twenty-four of whom are non-Moravians. While therefore the total is slightly lower than last year at the same date, these figures show that the situation has improved, and that the school has made gains in the confidence of the community.

Scholars, male, 85; female, 90; total, 175.

Teachers, male, 4; female, 9; total, 13.

Graduates, male, 2; female, 12; total, 14.

Children from Moravian families, 105; from non-Moravian families, 70.

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Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 189 24	
Tuition	3,603 70	
Miscellaneous	28 00	
Gymnasium	149 25	
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	6,100 00	
		$10,070 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 407 26	
Miscellaneous Expenses	453 98	
Chemical Laboratory	49 41	
Gymnasium	69 26	
Books and Stationery	158 35	
Physical Laboratory		
Salaries	8,677 00	
Tuition Refunded	16 00	
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1910	238 93	
		$10,070 19

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, *Treasurer.*

IV. The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year two meetings were held, one regular and one special.

The annual address on Whitsunday evening, June 4, was delivered by Mr. Konrad Reichel, of Surinam.

The receipts, including the balance in hand, were $440.81. Donations were made to the Leper Home at Jerusalem; the general

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Mission Fund; the Mission Deficit; and the Educational Work in Surinam. These donations amounted to $276.12.

Twelve new members were added to the Society, and there were 3 deaths. The membership stands now at 382.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice-President, Mrs. James T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Collectors, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. James Yeakel, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. Mary Hartman, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Henry A. Krause, Mrs. Jos. Traeger, Mrs. A. Schultze, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Fred Schwarze.

2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The year has been one of steady and effective work. The part which the Society took in the Laymen's Missionary Conventions, both in Allentown and in Bethlehem, showed it to be a strong working body. The President of the Society was made the Chairman of the local laymen's committee, representing all the denominations participating.

Regular monthly business meetings have been held, in the rooms on South Main Street, and the attendance at these has been good. The executive committee has also held regular meetings, for the ordinary work of the Society.

The annual address, at the anniversary of the organization, January 15, was delivered by Dr. Samuel B. Capen, of Boston, and a reception was tendered in honor of this distinguished visitor on the evening before.

A strong effort has also been made to enlarge the membership, in order that through this organization every man in the congregation may be brought into touch with missionary affairs.

There have accordingly been added 34 new members, of whom 4 are associate. The enrollment now stands at 358, of whom 216 are active members, 50 associate and 92 life.

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The receipts of the Society have been $1,305.58, $895.45 of this representing the contributions distinctly made toward the support of the Society's representative in the foreign field, Bro. George Heath, of Nicaragua. Other donations have been made to Alaska, the Mission Deficit, the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, and the school work in Nicaragua.

The policy of now and then gathering together the membership at supper-business-meetings has continued, with a very fair degree of success. Under the auspices of the Society educational illustrated lectures have also been held in the Old Chapel.

Officers: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice-President, Edward J. Krause; Secretary, Fred. B. Hartman; Treasurer, G. Fred Krause. Other members have also been added to the Executive Committee, F. I. Klinker, H. A. Krause, H. J. Meyers.

3.—The Mite Society.

***Organized in* 1878.**

All members of this Society contribute five cents a month toward the General Foreign Mission treasury. The organization and object are very simple, but it has been a steady contributor to that fund from which, after all, all the heaviest expenses of missionary work must be paid.

The enrollment is at present, 197; 13 male and 184 female.

In the Spring a donation of $47.00 was made, and in the Fall another of $51.00; a total of $98.00.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss G. A. Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; Collectors, Mrs. A. G. Rau, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Mrs. Harry C. Bealer, Miss Anita Bailey, Miss Mary Krause, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Marguerite Eberman, Miss Letitia Schrader, Miss Minnie Hermany, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Dorothy Doster, Mrs. Sumter Forney.

4.—The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

***Organized May* 10, 1881.**

On the first Monday of each month this Society, composed of all the pupils of the Parochial School, holds its meetings, usually immediately after the morning Chapel service.

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There are 175 members, of which 85 are boys and 90 girls.

The donations made during the past year were as follows: To the Alaska Mission, $2.50; to Bro. E. J. Heath, in Trinidad, $5.00; through the Young Men's Missionary Society, $3.00; to the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem, $3.47; to the Church in Kingston, Jamaica, $6.09; to the new Church in Macoris, San Domingo, $6.53; toward the purchase of a motor boat for the Nicaraguan Mission, $21.27; a total of $47.86.

This indicates a larger degree of interest than for many years past.

Officers: President, J. Walter Meissner; Vice-President, George Turner; Secretary, Grace C. M. Lennox; Treasurer, William C. Hartman.

5.—*The Home Mission Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; organized August 28, 1849; incorporated January 16, 1865.

As usual, only four meetings of the Directors during the year were found necessary to transact the regular business. On the evening of Sunday, May 14, the annual business meeting was held, with the election of officers; and on the evening of Sunday, June 18, the anniversary meeting was held in the Central Church, the Rev. H. E. Stocker, of South Bethlehem, delivering the address.

Near to the end of the year the Society lost its most faithful and efficient Treasurer, the Rev. H. A. Jacobson, who was called home by his Lord.

The following were the receipts: from monthly collections in Church and Chapels, $667.26; from the house-to-house canvass in May, $421.05; from interest on funds, $155.80; a total of $1244.11.

Stipends were paid to four home missionaries, amounting to $756.25; an appropriation toward the congregation's quota for the General Board required $489.97; toward that of the District Board, $109.22; expenses, $12.84; a total of $1368.28.

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Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President, the Rev. M. E. Kemper; Recording Secretary, A. H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, E. C. Roest; Treasurer, H. A. Krause. Other Directors: O. A. Clewell, F. H. Wilhelm, H. B. Eggert, H. A. Krause, C. J. Gapp, and the Rev. F. E. Lennox.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; *organized November* 28, 1888.

This congregation considers itself closely identified with the Mission in Alaska, and has maintained this organization for the gathering of special funds in aid of that work through all the years since its inception. No dues are charged, but a contribution is expected from every member of the congregation at the time of the house-to-house canvass in October.

The annual business meeting and election of officers took place after the Sunday evening service of February 26.

The October canvass brought in $488.70, to which the New Year's Eve collection, $60.00, was added.

The death of Brother C. Otto Brunner, who had been Treasurer of the Society since its organization, in 1888, created a vacancy in the Board. At a special meeting, on September 22, Bro. Theodore Kampmann was elected to fill the unexpired term of the Treasurer.

Officers: President, H. A. Krause; Vice-President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, Theodore Kampmann; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*. F. I. Klinker, C. H. Wenhold, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Miss Irene Ross.

Other collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Laura Kampmann, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Sarah Spinner, Miss Margaret Heine, Miss Helen de Schweinitz, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Bertha Tallon, Miss Lydia Leibert, Mrs. Fred J. Rice, Miss Helen Halteman, Miss Carrie Clewell.

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7.—*West Side Forward Missionary Movement.*

The object of this Society is to interest the more than 400 communicant members living at over 200 addresses on the West Side in the *direct* support of a missionary representative. While the attempt to make the movement a popular one has not been attained, the *partial* support of a missionary couple has been kept up as heretofore.

The sum of $329.90 passed through the Treasurer's hands; of which amount $8.90 was paid out on account of circulars and stationery, and $321.00 was applied to the salary account of Bro. Seibt.

There are at present 24 contributors, who gave a total of $201.32. However, it is but fair to state that one very liberal contributor is responsible for a very large part of that amount. Organizations of the West Side Chapel also made contributions, as follows: Ladies' Aid Society, $25.00; Sunday School, $53.74; Chapel Committee, $10.00; a mission-study class, $.86; contributions on the semi-annual Mission Days, $37.98.

A comparison of the whole number of West Side communicants of the congregation and the small number now contributing toward this cause, together with the splendid amount now raised by the few, indicates clearly what might be accomplished if all, or even a major part of those able, would interest themselves in this project. How very easy it would be to *entirely* support our missionary representative by raising $600.00, instead of a little more than half that amount, as we now do.

Semi-annual Mission Days were held in May and November. In May the Rev. R. H. Brennecke preached the morning sermon, and the Rev. S. C. Albright that in the evening.

For the November Mission Day a preliminary meeting of all interested was called some weeks beforehand, and plans made for the coming service. This resulted in some slight changes in the time and character of the meetings. At this meeting the time was set for an election of officers.

The November Mission Day was observed by two services. A largely attended missionary lovefeast in the afternoon was ad-

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dressed by the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D,. and the Rev. W. N. Schwarze, Ph.D. At the evening service the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. V. Moses.

Officers: President, the Rev. W. H. Fluck; Secretary, William A. Steinmiller; Treasurer, Emil J. Bishop.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The membership has been increased during the year to 38 active and 14 honorary.

The Society was organized to work for Home Missions, and there has been no deviation from the original purpose.

Donations were made amounting to $419.22; and the sum of $110.37 was required for materials and other expenses.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice-President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp.

2.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

The Sewing Circle completes its 30th year with a still larger membership than last year, there being now 16 names on the roll of active members, and 14 on the honorary list.

The object of the organization is the support of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, and the steady financial assistance that has been given has been a valuable asset of that institution. This year $300 was appropriated from the treasury for the College.

Leader: Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

The active membership remains the same as last year, 26, but two have been added to the honorary list, which now counts 20 names.

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The support of several causes which have for many years received aid has been continued, and in addition home missionary homes have been gladdened by Christmas gifts.

The annual Fair and Entertainment was held on October 28, in the Sunday School Building and in the Parochial School gymnasium.

Appropriations of $50 each were made for the Alaska Mission, for Home Missions and for the Theological Seminary. The wives of 20 home missionaries at Christmas also received checks for $10 each.

Officers: President, Miss Bertha Hark; Vice-President, Miss Hortensia Krause; Secretary, Mrs. Benjamin I. Drake; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert S. Taylor.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized October, 1893.

The enrollment of the Society this year is 19 active and 3 honorary members. Two active members were called home. Seven meetings were held during the year, at the homes of members.

One box of clothing and household supplies was sent to a home missionary at Thanksgiving time, amounting in value to $276.00, including the accompanying check.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward Jacobson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna M. Pownall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau.

5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

This Society has continued its activities throughout the year. During the Summer months, however, the regular meetings were suspended. A Sale, held in March, proved in every way a success. The following donations were made: $25.00 toward the West Side Forward Missionary Movement, for the support of Bro. and Sr. Seibt, missionary representatives of the Chapel, in German East Africa; $11.55 for flowers and other local beneficence; $5.00 toward a set of lovefeast baskets for the Chapel;

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other appropriations amounted to $18.00. At the close of the year $26.00 was still in hand.

Most earnestly do we call the attention of all ladies of the congregation living on the West Side to this organization, as well worth their interest and co-operation.

There are 12 active and 2 honorary members. The Society meets every two weeks, generally at the Chapel.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; Vice-President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice-President, Miss Emma Transue; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Fluck; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner.

6.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

The Society held regular meetings on Wednesday afternoons during the Winter months. No public Sale was held. Five quilts were quilted, and aprons were made.

The Society numbers 18 persons.

Refreshments were furnished at the annual business meeting of the attendants at the Chapel.

Received during the year, $5.03. Expenses, $2.10.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice-President, Mrs. William Desh; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary C. Smith.

C. THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

***Organized June* 10, 1895. *First Circles formed in* 1887.**

The membership of the Union continues nearly the same as last year. There are 25 Circles and these have a combined membership of 372.

While the primary reason for the King's Daughters' organization is not financial, careful stewardship and broad liberality have been shown again throughout the past year.

Local charity, Home and Foreign Missions, the Theological Seminary, general Christian objects, State headquarters, and dinners for a needy sister in the congregation—these have called for $510.61 from the individual Circles. In addition to this amount the Union's treasury showed receipts amounting to $886.54. The Union's expenditure amounted to $690.49.

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Apart from the financial report, however, it should be noted that the various Circles have been engaged in the following good work: the "supply closet" in the King's Daughters' Cottage has been supplied with mouth wipes, pads, bandages, clothing, etc. Carpet rags have been made into rugs for the Moravian College, which also was the recipient of provisions. The College infirmary was renovated, and the Mission Rooms on Church Street are being kept in order by supplying articles needed. Pads for blind children's eyes have been made, and dinners and flowers have been supplied for the sick. On festival occasions the Central Church has also been decorated by Circles.

Officers: President, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz, Mrs. Henry A. Jacobson, Mrs. Caroline Detterer; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie A. Becker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

As a matter of information, the names of all the Circles and their Leaders are appended, with the year of organization.

Name of Circle.		*Name of Leader.*
Helpers,	1887,	Mrs. Ottelie de Schweinitz.
Watchful,	1887,	Mrs. Eugene A. Rau.
Whatsoever,	1887,	Mrs. J. M. Levering.
Lend a Hand,	1889,	Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz.
Benigna,	1892,	Mrs. J. M. Levering.
Opportunity,	1894,	Mrs. A. C. Prince.
Bethany,	1894,	Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Loyal,	1894,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
Anna Nitschmann,	1894,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
Clover Leaf,	1894,	Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach.
Steadfast,	1895,	Mrs. C. L. Moench.
Pansy,	1896,	Mrs. Alonzo Keller.
Forget-me-not,	1897,	Mrs. Caroline Detterer.
Thoughtful,	1897,	Miss Marie Hesse.
Golden Rule,	1898,	Mrs. Henry A. Jacobson.
Cup of Loving Service,	1898,	Miss Helen de Schweinitz.
Dorcas,	1899,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.

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Faithful Workers,	1901,	Miss Marie Hesse.
Ever Willing,	1902,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck.
His Own,	1902,	Mrs. William Schwarze.
Sunshine,	1905,	Mrs. E. C. Roest.
The Nearest Duty,	1906,	Mrs. M. E. Kemper.
Always Ready,	1909,	Miss Annie A. Becker.
Burden Bearers,	1909,	Miss Mary C. Smith.
Unto Me,	1910,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

The work of the past year has been encouraging, and active interest has been taken in all the meetings. The new plan of systematic giving, put into operation last year, has proven very successful, and has solved many difficulties presented by the old method.

Regular quarterly meetings of the Union have been held, with very good attendance. At the first meeting no speaker had been invited, but the participation of all the members in the "open meeting" was very good. The Societies composing the Union have had a good year.

Officers: President, C. Conrad Shimer; Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Winnie Heller; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Della Preisch.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

***Organized June* 15, 1888.**

Quite the opposite of the report given of this Society for the year 1910 must be that rendered for 1911. Instead of a lamentation, it can be a psalm. Ever since its reorganization, after the Summer months, the Society has been alive to its most legitimate work, that of maintaining a prayer-meeting. The proportion of members attending the meetings has been fair, and the interest well sustained.

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We feel confident that the Society is a means of spiritual improvement now to those comprising it, and a school for larger service in the Church in years to come.

In the late Fall a very pleasant Social was given, at which quite a number of Endeavorers from a neighboring Moravian congregation were present.

There are 33 members on the roll, of whom 14 are male, and 19 female. Besides these, there are 4 honorary members. The Society contributed $15.00 toward the salary of Bro. William Weinland, missionary in California.

Officers: President, Miss Ellen Schupp; Vice-President, Russell Powell; Recording Secretary, Miss Josephine Herman; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mae Schupp; Treasurer, John Savitz.

2.—*West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

No meetings were held during the latter part of 1910 and the first half of 1911, but reorganization was effected in the latter part of September, 1911. There are 35 members on the roll, of whom about 10 are boys. The average attendance has been 24. Since, however, numbers depend almost entirely on the endorsement given the movement by the mothers of our West Side children, their hearty co-operation is earnestly solicited.

Leaders in charge: Mrs. W. H. Fluck, and Taylor Van Vleck.

Officers: President, Martha Luckenbach; Vice-President, Margaret Fisher; Secretary, Helen Burkhardt; Treasurer, Harold Kindig; Pianist, Ruth Kleckner; Assistant Pianist, Margaret Schupp.

Time of meeting: Friday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock.

3.—*Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

The record of the year has been more than satisfactory. While the Society is just as large now as it was last year, there have been many new members to take the place of those whose membership terminated with their leaving town.

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The new system of weekly stated contributions and the use of envelopes has put the treasury into very good condition.

The Social Committee has regularly served in taking the flowers placed in the Church each Sunday to the sick, if possible the same evening.

A campaign for new members was carried on during the last Spring, between the "reds" and the "blues." The latter won in the competition. Monthly business meetings were held at the homes of the members. Several delegates to the Utica Convention were able to take the trip, and brought back to the Society both information and a new stimulus.

There are 31 members in the Society, 11 male and 20 female, besides 7 honorary members.

Officers: President, Jonas Bruner; Vice-President, Miss Helen Canam; Recording Secretary, Miss Helena Rauch; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Susie Jacobson; Treasurer, Gilbert Oerter.

4.—*Central Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized April 7, 1892.

The difficulty of securing a leader rendered it necessary to postpone the beginning of the Fall work somewhat longer than usual, after the Summer recess. Then, however, Miss Susie Jacobson and Mr. Rufus Bishop conjointly undertook the work. The attendance has not been as large as it might have been, 2 boys and 11 girls constituting the regular membership. But there is the satisfaction of knowing that a number of last year's members have been graduated into the older Society. Thus the Junior Society has been accomplishing just what it was intended to do.

Officers: President, Leonora Turner; Secretary, Harold Miller; Treasurer, Kathryn Rebstock.

5.—*Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

The meetings of the Society, held every Friday evening, have been very well attended. They prove interesting and helpful to all who come.

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There are 20 members enrolled, 5 male and 15 female.

The pledge of $12.50 toward Bro. Weinland's salary has been paid, as also the birthday donation of $5.00. Current expenses amounted to $6.36.

Officers: President, Vaclav Vancura; Vice-President, Miss Florence Mack; Recording Secretary, Miss Laura Kemper; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stella Ehrgott; Treasurer, Clayton Bernhardt.

6.—Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 21, 1894.

This Society holds the banner awarded by the District Union for the largest increase in attendance during the year. No meetings were held during the Summer months, but when they were resumed in September 52 names were enrolled, 17 male and 35 female. Meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock. A Candy Sale, together with the missionary collections put $14.16 into the treasury. Current expenses amounted to $6.74. A contribution of $5.25 was made toward Bro. Weinland's salary, and $1.00 was set aside for a birthday donation.

Superintendents: Miss Mary G. Smith and Miss Stella Ehrgott; Assistants, J. G. Bruner and Vaclav Vancura.

Officers: President, Emma Moore; Vice-President, Dorothea Eberman; Secretary, Edith Moser; Treasurer, Earl Walters.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

For several years this organization has given special attention to athletics, having secured the use of the Parochial School gymnasium three evenings a week. During the Summer there is also naturally a greater interest in canoeing and in camp-life.

There are 25 members in the League. In general there has been little deviation from the description of the League given in last year's report.

The expenditures of the year amounted to $57.00.

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Officers: President, Raymond W. Bodder; First Vice-President, William Rice; Second Vice-President, Peter Kleppinger; Secretary, Russell C. Sigley; Treasurer, Fred T. Beckel.

2.—*The Laurel Street Ushers' Association.*

Organized October 1, 1906.

The past year may be said to have been one of the most successful years in the history of the Association. The members have been active in all the duties assigned to them in connection with the regular and special meetings at Laurel Street Chapel. The membership has also been increased to 16, gain of 3 over last year's report. All are "live wires."

At various times during the year the Association furnished flowers for the sick of the congregation. A donation has also been made toward the music at the Chapel.

Meetings have been regularly held each month at the homes of members, and subjects relating to the work of the organization have been discussed.

The expenditures have been $13.75.

Officers: President, Clarence H. Reichel; Vice-President, Joseph H. Heller; Secretary, J. Seward Titlow; Treasurer, Edgar A. More.

3.—*The Trombone Choir.*

Last year there was mentioned a remarkable revival of interest in this organization. We can now record a steady development of this interest, both on the part of the membership of the choir itself and on the part of the public generally toward it. This can at once be seen from the increase in the number of occasions on which service has been requested. Last year there were 110 calls. This year there were 129. The exceptional number of deaths in the congregation likewise increased the number. Death announcements were given 35 times, and 39 times the choir was present at funerals.

There are 18 active members in the organization.

Leader, Charles H. Neisser.

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4.—*The Emergency Choir.*

In seasons of sorrow, when it is difficult to say just the right thing, there is nothing which so comforts the heart as a hymn, sympathetically sung. This has been the reason for the organization of the so-called "emergency choir." Funerals have lost much of that which made them trying experiences, through the ministry of these ladies.

There are now 14 members.

Leader: Mrs. F. E. Lennox.

5.—*The Moravian College Guild.*

Organized during 1910.

This guild, organized to assist in supplying the Moravian College and Theological Seminary with articles necessary for the domestic side of the institution, has continued its most helpful work.

There are 22 Directors.

The donation to the College this year amounted to $254.60.

Officers: President, Mrs. J. S. Krause; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp.

6.—*The Laurel Band, of Laurel Street Chapel.*

Organized February 7, 1911.

The Laurel Band of Laurel Street Chapel was organized for the purpose of furnishing flowers for the Chapel, and on other occasions when such service would seem wise. Meetings are held every two weeks, on Tuesday evenings, at the homes of the members. They have been very well attended, and the interest has been deep. No dues are connected with membership, but collections are taken at the meetings.

There are at present 9 members in the Band.

Officers: Leader, Mrs. William Halteman; President, Miss Helen Halteman; Vice-President, Miss Beulah Sweitzer; Secretary, Laura Kemper; Treasurer, Bertha Young.

Amount in the treasury, $8.00.

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V. General Financial Statistics.

1. *Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1910, to November 30, 1911, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.*

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$31,727 01
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	18,251 69
Total	$49,978 70

2. *Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees for the year ending November 30, 1911.*

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income of the "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$16,859 50	
From Land Rents	615 72	
From House Rents	1,592 00	
		$19,067 22
Contributions of Members		3,988 00
Total Receipts		$23,055 22
Excess of Disbursements		6,154 87
		$29,210 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 964 60	
Repairs to Productive Property	528 50	
General Expenses	1,340 52	
		$ 2,833 62
Donations		2,500 00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$ 5,390 94	
Repairs and Furniture	377 78	
		5,768 72

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Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,000 00	
Archive Expenses	163 54	
Repairs to Church Buildings (Special), Organ	4,950 00	
Repairs to Church Buildings, General	751 04	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	625 00	
Parsonage Expenses	436 61	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	10,181 56	
		18,107 75
Total Disbursements		$29,210 09

J. S. KRAUSE, *Treasurer.*

3. *Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1911.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year		$ 334 44
Interest, Legacies, Etc.		4,511 07
Church Collection		110 47
		$ 4,955 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations	$ 515 00	
Investments	3,279 83	
Expenses	16 19	
Balance, November 30, 1911	1,144 96	
		$ 4,955 98

HERMAN A. DOSTER, *Treasurer.*

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4. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $201.05; Sunday Schools, $90.02)	$ 291 07
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $146.59; Sunday Schools, $79.13)	225 72
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $433.69; Sunday Schools, $123.74; Societies, $204.00)	761 43
Foreign Missions, special objects, (Collections, $409.14; Sunday Schools, $478.21; Societies $1,531.22; individuals, $499.42)	2,917 99
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $87.15; Sunday Schools, $85.55; Societies, $637.91; individuals, $63.32)	876 93
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $172.54; Sunday Schools, $111.66; Societies, $564.78)	848 98
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, Collections, $65.78; Societies, $109.22)	175 00
Home Missions, special objects, (Sunday Schools, $14.66; Societies, $1,668.32)	1,682 98
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $243.03; Sunday Schools, $115.66; Societies, $768.20; individuals, $5,202.00)	6,928 89
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Individuals, $150.00)	150 00
All other causes, (Individuals, $420.00)	420 00
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church	$15,278 99
General Christian objects, (Collections, $133.31; Sunday Schools, $67.24; Societies, $272.15)	472 70
Congregation purposes, (not including $2,913.00, non-Moravian Parochial School dues,) but collections, Church-dues, special efforts and internal beneficence.	5,820 58
Grand total of contributions of congregation	$21,572 27

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5. Contributions of the Congregation, from all sources, to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 2,500 00
Contributed through various congregational channels	15,751 69
Total	$18,251 69

6. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1911, exclusive of the Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts.

Appropriated from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the congregation	$25,088 90
Appropriated from income of Almoners	404 53
Parochial School dues, from non-Moravians	2,913 00
Contributed through various congregational channels	21,572 27
Grand total from income and contributions	$49,978 70

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VI.—The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1911.

CHURCH Members	Totals on Nov. 30, 1910	INCREASE DURING 1911						DECREASE DURING 1911				Totals on Nov. 30, 1911
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received		Re Admitted	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Dropped	
			Moravians	Non-Moravians	Moravians	Non-Moravians						
A.—Communicants, viz:												
Males	660	1	24	3	3	8	0	15	0	5	2	677
Females	900	0	21	7	6	11	4	13	0	11	1	924
B.—Non-Communicants over 13 Years, viz:		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Males	64	13			0			0	24	1	7	45
Females	61	22			1			0	21	0	8	55
C.—Children, viz:		Baptized			Received			Died	Transferred to Non-Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Boys under 13 years	177	15			1			1	13	4	0	175
Girls under 13 years	132	15			6			4	22	0	0	127
Grand Total	1994											2003

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		*Non Resident*		*Souls.*		
	Males.	*Females.*	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non-Resid't.*	*Total.*
Married Couples	327	327	24	24	654	48	702
Married Men	53		18		53	18	71
Married Women		105		39	105	39	144
Widowers	37		3		37	2	40
Widows		126		8	126	8	134
Single Men	180		21		180	21	201
Single Women		259		15	259	15	274
Older Boys	14				14		14
Older Girls		21			21		21
Total Communicants	611	838	66	86	1449	152	1601

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	611	838	1449
Non-Resident Communicants	66	86	152
Total Communicants	677	924	1601
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	11		11
Single Women		8	8
Older Boys	34		34
Older Girls		47	47
Total Non-Communicants	45	55	100
CHILDREN.			
Resident	150	113	293
Non-Resident	25	14	39
Total Children	175	127	302
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	806	1006	1812
Non-Resident	91	100	191
Grand Total	897	1106	2003

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males	*Females*	*Total*
Married People	422	495	917
Widowers	40		40
Widows		134	134
Single Men	212		212
Single Women		282	282
Older Boys	49		48
Older Girls		68	68
Children	175	127	302
Grand Total Membership	897	1106	2003

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VII. A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation, at the End of the Year 1911.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-35.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministery.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Harry J. Meyers, 1909.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Henry B. Schneller, 1907.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03, '07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1907.
9 persons.

The School Board.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
William Hartman, 1910.
Clayton C. Teter, 1911.
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1911.
James T. Borhek, 1911.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.
3 persons.

Persons in Attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868,
Vice Head Sacristan, 189[illegible]
George J. Grider, 1904,
Secretary, 1907.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frank S. Schwab, 1911.
Mrs. Caroline Gering, 1884,
Head Female Sacristan, 1894.
Mrs. Cornelia M. Traeger, 1890,
Vice Head Female Sacristan, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.
Mrs. William M. Constable, 1899.

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Mrs. Frank H. Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
25 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
George W. Grube, 1910.
7 persons.

Ushers and Collectors, West Side Chapel.

William Constable, 1905.
Samuel Mack, 1905.
Raymond Schmich, 1905.
Morris Kindig, 1907.
4 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Nicholas Schwab, 1896,
Chairman, 1910.
Alfred C. Betge.
Vice Chairman, 1910.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
R. Paul Stout, 1900.
Franklin S. Schwab, 1891.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer Ruth, 1906.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Charles Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
John Heine, 1910.
Richard Cunningham, 1910.
Winifred Stubblebine, 1910.
22 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

Clarence H. Reichel,
President, 1906.
Joseph H. Heller, 1908,
Vice President.
J. Seward Titlow, 1909, Secretary.
Edgar A. More, 1907, Treasurer.
Glenmore D. Mease, 1906.
R. Fred Mease, 1907.
John R. Heine, 1907.
Clarence Rominger, 1907.
Arthur Hewitt, 1906.
Walter Titlow, 1909.
Truman Matz, 1909.
Harry Richter, 1911.
Robert P. More, 1909.
Granville Schupp, 1911.
Herbert Ross, 1907.
Rufus Bishop, 1911.
16 persons.

Committee of Oversight, Laurel Street Chapel.

Philip Bernhardt, 1910-'13,
Chairman.
Walter Titlow, 1910-'13.
Vice Chairman.
Frank Ricksecker, 1911-'14.
Secretary.
The Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1909-'12.
Adam Meyer, 1911-'14.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex-officio.
7 persons.

Committee of Oversight, West Side Chapel.

James D. Maynes, 1909-'12,
Chairman.
Eugene A. Brunner, 1911-'12,
Secretary.
William F. Hartman, 1910-'13,
Treasurer.
Morris L. Kindig, 1909-'12.
James Hutchinson, 1911-'14.
George R. Breder, 1911-'14.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, ex-officio.
7 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. A. D. Thaeler,
Superintendent, 1907.
Rev. W. H. Fluck,
General Pastoral Assistant, 1911.
Miss Gertrude Levering,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1911.
Miss Harriet Olpp,
Asst., Primary Dept., 1910.
Supt., Cradle Roll, 1911.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.
John Heine, Asst. Secretary.
Clarence H. Boehm,
Treasurer, 1897.

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Joseph M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
William F. Hartman,
Musical Director, 1907.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept.
R. Fred Mease, Librarian, 1908.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, 1898.
Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Miss Annie A. Becker, 1907.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Mrs. Frank I. Klinker, 1896.
Miss Emily Lange, 1897.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1907.
Mrs. L. Tencate, 1909.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Laura Kampmann, 1909.
Mrs. Frank Snyder, 1909.
Miss Jeannette Murray, 1910.
Miss Susan Jacobson, 1910.
Miss Nola Van Horne, 1910.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1910.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1910.
Edwin P. Bishop, 1910.
Mrs. G. Wm. Eberman, 1910.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
Miss Isabel Canam, 1911.
David Rebstock, 1911.
Fred. B. Hartman, 1911.
T. M. Mueller, 1911.
C. Conrad Shimer, 1911.
Miss Florence Tencate, 1910.
42 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Charles H. Rominger, 1909,
Superintendent.
William Miller, Secretary, 1911.
W. A. Steinmiller,
Asst. Secretary, 1911.
Frank Miksch, Librarian, 1911.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Treasurer, 1911.
Fred. B. Hartman, Organist, 1910.
Taylor Van Vleck,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1911.
Miss Mabel Jacoby,
Organist, Primary Dept., 1910.
Miss Mary Steyers,
Supt., Sub-Primary Dept., 1901.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905,
Asst. Supt., Sub-Primary Dept.
Mrs. Emma Myers,
Supt., Home Dept., 1905.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Laura King, 1906.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Lillian Kildare, 1907.
Miss Alice Crist, 1907.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Ferdinand Drebert, 1908.
Theophil Mueller, 1909.
Reinhold Riemer, 1909.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Miss Florence Tencate, 1909.
Miss Nina Krause, 1909.
Miss Lotitia Schrader, 1905.
Miss Adelaide Rebstock, 1911.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1911.
Walter Wesenberg, 1911.
Ray Schmich, 1911.
Miss Helena Rauch, 1911.
Miss Geneva Morgan, 1911.
Miss Katherine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Helen Canam, 1911.
C. C. Meixell, 1911.
Miss Beatrice Rebstock, 1911.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
Rev. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
37 persons

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Superintendent, 1907.
Frank B. Ricksecker,
Asst. Superintendent, 1911.
Organist, 1906.
Wm. Halteman, Secretary, 1904.
Joseph Heller and
J. Seward Titlow,
Asst. Secretaries, 1911.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1887.
Miss Iva Krause,
Treasurer, 1901, also Asst. Supt. Primary Department.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Harry Richter,
Asst. Librarian, 1907
Clayton Bernhardt,
Asst. Librarian, 1911.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Primary Dept.

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Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Rufus Bishop, 1908.
Mrs. William Halteman, 1903.
Mrs. Eugene Schaefer, 1909.
Miss Mary G. Smith, 1909.
Miss Lizzie Bornman, 1910.
Miss Grace Heller, 1910.
Mrs. W. N. Schwarze, 1910.
J. G. Bruner, 1910.
Charles A. Gutensohn, 1910.
Albert Harke, 1909.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1911.
Miss Frankenfield, 1911.
Vaclav Vancura, 1911.
Kenneth Hamilton, 1911.
Mrs. Anson Kuhns, 1911.
30 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Edward C. Roest, 1888,
Superintendent, 1909.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia C. Huebner, 1875.
Miss Marie H. Hesse, 1884-'91, '95.
Miss Maria W. Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha H. Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92,
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Peter Boquel,
Physical Instructor, 1907.
Charles H. Rominger, 1909.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1909.
Miss Helen E. S. Lennox, 1909,
Physical Instructress, 1910.
13 persons.

Organists.

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Parochial School, 1901.
Fred. B. Hartman,
West Side Chapel, 1910.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Mabel Jacoby,
West Side Primary Dept., 1910.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905,
Pianist, Central Sunday School.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., Central Sunday School, 1909.
Miss Florence Mack,
Organist, Laurel Street Primary Dept., Sunday School, 1909.
8 persons.

Trombonists.

Charles H. Neisser, 1884,
Leader, 1906.

Sopranos

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Charles Kemper, 1908.
Earl Bruch, 1910.

Altos

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Spurgeon Sigley, 1908.
William Miller, 1910.

Tenor

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.
Owen Rice, 1909.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1909.
Lowell Otis, 1910.
Rusk Maynes, 1911.

Bass

Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
18 persons.

Orchestra.

Church

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
Jacob Hartzell, 1906.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
H. E. Kern, 1904.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Paul Ricksecker, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.
Hans Roemer, 1909.
W. C. Hartman, 1909.
Leonard Luckenbach, 1909.
Robert E. Stout, Jr., 1911.
George Bilheimer, 1910.
Frank B. Ricksecker, 1909.
George Pettinos, 1900.
Jesse Kreidler, 1910.
Howard Haas, 1910.
Lowell Otis, 1911.
19 persons.

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Singers, Church.

Soprano

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Marian Beckel, 1902.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Miss Mary Steyers, 1905.
Mrs. J. Samuel Krause, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Adelaide Walker, 1904.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Susie Jacobson, 1909.
Miss Elizabeth Schrader, 1909.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1909.
Miss Pauline Detterer, 1909.
Miss Katharine D. Maynes, 1911.
Miss Mae Schupp, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1911.
Miss Dorothy Roest, 1911.

Alto

Miss Elizabeth Schwab, 1894.
Mrs. Edward F. Gray, 1901.
Miss Agnes Luckenbach, 1908.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Emily Krause, 1907.
Miss Helen Gray, 1909.
Miss Frances Roest, 1909.
Miss Mildred Milchsack, 1909.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1897.
Miss Viola Remaley, 1911.

Tenor

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
R. V. K. Eberman, 1902.
Fred H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
Erwin J. Bruch, 1911.
Leslie Ruth, 1911.

Bass

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Rev. Wm. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1885.
Harold Groman, 1908.
Howard Gilbert, 1910.
Philip Thomas, 1910.
Earl Morgan, 1911.

53 persons

Officers of the Central Choir.

Miss Harriet G. Miksch, *President.*
Samuel D. Luckenbach, *Vice President.*
Miss Elizabeth Schwab, *Secretary.*

Committee on Membership.

Miss Harriet G. Miksch.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Miss Martha Wunderling.
Miss Helen Gray.
Samuel D. Luckenbach.
Russell V. K. Eberman.
R. Fred Mease.

Emergency Choir.

Mrs. F. E. Lennox, Leader.
Mrs. F. W. Detterer.
Mrs. John F. Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. J. S. Krause.
Miss Laura Belling.
Mrs. George Weber.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Miss Susie Jacobson.
Miss Marian Beckel.
Miss Pauline Detterer.
Miss Gertrude Levering.
Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.

15 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel.

Soprano

Miss Geneva Morgan, 1908.
Miss Ruth Graver, 1911.
Miss Henrietta Brunner, 1911.
Miss Henrietta Bodder, 1911.
Miss Daisy Leidich, 1911.

Alto

Miss Josephine Herman, 1909.
Miss Eugonia Brunner, 1909.

Tenor

John L. Schupp, 1911.
Gerald Shafer, 1911.
Addison Meinecke, 1911.

Bass

Charles Remaley, 1911.
William Eppler, 1911.
Harry Ziegenfuss, 1911.

13 persons.

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Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Soprano

Miss Esther Riegel, 1907.
Miss Bessie Minnich, 1907.
Miss Helen Halteman, 1908.
Miss Florence Mack, 1908.

Alto

Miss Dorothy Mack, 1908.
Miss Beulah Schweitzer, 1908.
Miss Helen Schneller, 1908.

Tenor

I. Seward Titlow, 1911.
Merritt Michael, 1911.

Bass

Walter Titlow, 1911.
Clayton Bernhardt, 1911.

11 persons.

Janitors.

James Orner, 1910, Church, Old Chapel, Parochial School, and Sunday School Chapel.
Lewis P. Horlacher, Assistant.
Mrs. James Orner, 1910, Lovefeast Helper.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1887, Laurel Street Chapel.
Jacob T. Albright, 1887, Congregation Office.

6 persons.

Sexton of Cemeteries.

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.

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VIII.—The Necrology.

The following register covers the year December 1, 1910, to November 30, 1911, the period which is dealt with by the entire Report, with the exception of the register of officers.

Name.	*Born*	*Died*
Ella Rebecca Luckenbach	June 10, 1872	December 31, 1910
Ambrose Henry Desh	June 16, 1845	January 13, 1911
Charlotte (Brink) Gardner	August 19, 1850	January 23, 1911
John Augustus Mack	February 26, 1849	February 1, 1911
Emma Jane (Huber) Leibert	June 29, 1858	February 5, 1911
Edward Allen Steinback	April 7, 1864	February 2, 1911
William H. McCarty	June 3, 1840	February 9, 1911
Charles Edward Leibert	October 9, 1855	February 9, 1911
Ethel Mae Ross	January 18, 1911	February 28, 1911
Johann Woerner	July 14, 1835	March 3, 1911
Jacob Kratzer	January 14, 1830	March 28, 1911
Franz Anton Gerstner	November 13, 1826	May 20, 1911
Louisa Elizabeth (Stadiger) Borhek	July 12, 1845	June 1, 1911
Margaret Alice Elliott	August 27, 1888	June 14, 1911
Aravesta Missouri (Wohlbach) Horn	December 9, 1848	June 23, 1911
Harriet Lucinda (Miksch) Moore	May 5, 1847	July 4, 1911
Eugene Benjamin Fenner	July 22, 1854	July 7, 1911
Catherine Emma Grube	August 2, 1904	July 27, 1911
Charles Scranton Humphrey	September 2, 1888	June 29, 1911
Cora Elizabeth (Deppen) Bernhardt	June 17, 1878	August 10, 1911
Marian Louise Mease	November 6, 1910	August 20, 1911
Edward Eugene Hoeber	January 30, 1840	August 20, 1911
Christian Otto Brunner	October 28, 1830	September 7, 1911
Mary Louisa Beckel	March 25, 1854	September 17, 1911
David Ferdinand Beckel	August 9, 1910	September 23, 1911
Sarah Louisa (Hoeber) Huebinger	July 11, 1824	October 6, 1911
Emma Bertha Burkhardt	March 5, 1855	October 9, 1911
Margaret (Heller) Stubblebine	September 17, 1842	October 12, 1911
James Adam Crawford	October 19, 1872	October 14, 1911
Martha Evelyn Van Horne	August 29, 1908	October 28, 1911
David Ross	November 24, 1834	November 9, 1911
Emma Catherine (Dietzler) Rebstock	March 17, 1858	November 19, 1911

Of these five were children.

The Pastors also officiated at the funerals of 14 other persons who were not members of the congregation.

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Preface.

This, the One Hundred and Seventy-first Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa., is placed in the hands of all the membership, in the hope that it may be a valuable review of the activities of the year that is past, and a stimulus for the work that is ahead.

It should be preserved, in order that reference may from time to time be made to the leadership of the various agencies which are at work in the congregation. Great care has been taken in the compilation, but, as mistakes may easily creep into long lists especially, indulgence is asked for any errors. If pointed out, they may be corrected in next year's publication.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1912.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—Manuel E. Kemper, 1905; William H. Fluck, 1911.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio and Secretary;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* William S. Hermany, ('12-'15); G. Frederick Krause, ('12-'15); Emil J. Bishop, ('10-'13); Henry B. Schneller, ('10-'13); George W. Riegel, ('11-'14); Albert G. Rau, ('11-'14).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('10-'13); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President*, ('12-'15); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('11-'14); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('11-'14); Harry J. Meyers, ('11-'14); William V. Knauss, ('12-'15); Allen J. Sterner, ('12-'15); Aaron B. Levers, ('10-'13); George J. Grider, ('10-'13).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('10-'13); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('11-'14); Abraham C. Prince, ('12-'15); Charles H. Riegel, ('12-'15); G. William Riegel, ('10-'13); Clayton C. Teter, ('11-'14).

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ALMONERS.—Matthew J. Schmid, *President*, ('08-'13); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary and Treasurer*, ('10-'15); Harry B. Eggert, ('09-'14); Frank V. Kleckner, ('11-'16); James T. Borhek, ('12-'17).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Frederick H. Wilhelm, Franklin H. Brunner, (all '12-'13).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('12-'13).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('12-'13).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hank-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8 and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the present term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7:30 P.M., Evening service.

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Mid-week service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8:30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

Friday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Junior C. E. Society.

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V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.

10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.

7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior S. C. E.

Friday: 7:45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1:45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.

6:30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior S. C. E.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M. for the children; 7:30 and 11:30 P.M. for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7:30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I. The Public Means of Grace.

There is little of special note to which to point during the year that is past. With the exception of the Summer months, there has been a regularity of service in all the places of worship, and during the heated term the only intermission was the usual cessation of the evening services at Laurel Street Chapel. God has blessed with health all the pastors, and they have been therefore able to perform all the duties incumbent on them.

The attendance at the regular Sunday services has been gratifying, and when the seasons for special services come, as during the Passion Week, or at Christmas, or at the close of the year, the concentrated forces of the congregation in the Central Church have again taxed its capacity.

In this connection, however, it would be well again to lay emphasis upon the value of inculcating into the children, even the youngest, the duty and the privilege of attending Church services. It is true that from time to time there are meetings particularly designed for children, and everything in these is adapted to their comprehension. But between these children's meetings and the regular Sunday services there is a gap which cannot be bridged unless the young people are taught the steady habit of attending also the latter. Even granting that perhaps some things in the services are deeper than the shallow comprehension of very little ones, it is surprising how many things are thus unconsciously absorbed, and how a love for the house of God is kindled. And when, also, the whole family worships together, week by week, there is a sense of solidarity and unity which is very soon perceived by even the children.

The mid-week services in the Old Chapel have combined Bible Study with opportunities for general participation in prayer, and have ministered much to the spiritual growth and understanding of all who have made use of them.

At Laurel Street, with the growth of the town in that direction, there has been a corresponding feeling that there should be more specific churchliness developed at this point. With the full and

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hearty consent, therefore, of the Board of Elders, Communion services have been begun at this Chapel, for the present to be held twice a year, at the anniversary in the Fall and at another date in the Spring. The policy of the Board of Elders is to permit and foster every movement which expresses a real desire on the part of any Chapel to assume spiritual responsibilities for that portion of the general community to which it can minister.

II. Organization.

What has just been said introduces to a change officially inaugurated at the annual Church Council, on December 12. Careful deliberations extending over two years, presented to that Council a series of resolutions embodying certain changes and extensions in the organization of the congregation.

For a number of years, there have been so-called Chapel Committees of Oversight which, appointed by the Board of Elders, have kept in close touch with all the local affairs at the Chapels, and have from time to time presented to the Board of Elders matters requiring official action.

It seemed only right that now these Committees should become a recognized part of the machinery of the congregation. They were therefore, by formal resolution, so recognized, and provision was made for their due nomination by the annual meetings at the Chapels and their appointment by the Boards of Elders and Trustees conjointly.

The scope of Church Council itself has also been enlarged. Hitherto only the financial concerns of the congregation were provided for in the reports required from Boards. Hereafter each Board is to be asked to present a report, *embodying* the report of its treasurer, but also all other matters which are of importance to the congregation as such. This is designed to open the way for the discussion of the best interests of the congregation from several points of view, and for the establishment of policies which should be adopted in order to make the organized work still more effective. While some little time may be necessary to secure a

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smooth working of this plan, it is confidently believed that it will concentrate far more of the thought and wisdom of the membership than when there prevails the notion that the affairs of the Church are the business of no one except the comparatively few men elected to fill official positions. The actual resolutions are hereby appended, as a matter of record and reference.

On page 19 of the Hand-Book, Section 13, the following shall be inserted:

CENTRES OF WORSHIP AND ACTIVITY.

"The term 'Central Church' shall be used to designate the central place of worship maintained by the entire congregation.

"The term 'Chapel' shall be used to designate an affiliated place of worship which has, or may, become a centre of activity, and is so recognized by the Boards of the Congregation."

On page 30, Section 21, there shall be inserted among the official servants of the Congregation, as the first designation, "the Chapel Committees," the rest of the designations following in their present sequence.

On page 30 the following Section shall also be inserted, following Section 21:

CHAPEL COMMITTEES.

"The Chapel Committees, under the direction and advice of the Boards of Elders and Trustees, shall have the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of their respective Chapels.

"The Committees shall consist of seven members, six of whom shall be appointed by the Boards of Elders and Trustees, conjointly or concurrently, upon nominations from annual meetings, held in November, of the attendants and workers at the respective Chapels, two members to be appointed each year, to serve for three years, and no person to succeed himself.

"The Assistant Pastor in charge shall be *ex officio* the seventh member of the Committee. No person shall be a member of these Committees who is not 21 years of age, and who is not otherwise eligible as a member of the Boards of Elders and Trustees.

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"These Committees shall arrange for the annual meetings, and shall have the privilege of originating and proposing legislation with reference to the Chapels."

On page 22, Section 15, the following shall be inserted, under "Order of business at the annual meeting of the Church Council:"

Substituted for 3—"Reports of the Boards of Elders and Trustees, of the School Board and of the Almoners, including the financial statements of their respective Treasurers."

On page 28, following line 27, the following shall be inserted: "The Board of Trustees shall submit an annual report to Church Council."

On page 27, following line 97, the following shall be inserted: "The Board of Elders shall submit an annual report to Church Council."

On page 29, following line 28, shall be inserted: "The School Board shall submit an annual report to Church Council."

III. The Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

So frequently have the relations of the Pastors to the congregation as a whole and to its various parts been presented in this section of the Report, that it scarcely seems necessary again to speak of these.

This, however, is of such importance that it cannot be said too often: there is only one congregation, though for the purposes of effective supervision each Pastor may exercise more particular direction over one portion than over another. Whatever lines exist are purely imaginary, and are elastic enough to provide for efficient work in any direction.

In the second place, the degree of real pastoral care will largely depend upon the co-operation offered by all the members. In the case of sickness, let it not be presumed that the Pastors must know because the case has been mentioned in one of the newspapers. They may not have seen that item. The telephone is usually handy. Or a postal card. Or a friend who will give a

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personal message. The Pastors stand ready wherever they are needed. If they seem to be remiss, let them have the benefit of the doubt. There has been a very noticeable improvement in this matter during recent years. But still more attention can be given to the point.

IV. The Schools of the Congregation.

I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The totals that are presented in the different departments of our Sunday School work this year are not quite as large as last year. But there is no reason for undue alarm, since there are always fluctuations of this kind to be expected, within reasonable limits.

We have a total enrollment, in the three Sunday Schools, of 992 scholars, and 99 teachers, together 1091, 10 less than last year. In the Home Departments there are 227 names, and on the Cradle Rolls 71. Therefore there are connected with the Sunday School work of the congregation 1389 names, 34 less than during 1911.

Steps have recently been taken, however, to push forward the work of the Home Department, both for the sake of the advantage which accrues to all who at home use the lessons and helps provided, and for the sake of the support that the Home Department gives to all the other activities of the Schools which actually meet from week to week.

In this very thing lies perhaps our greatest need. If the parents at home will give to the work of the Sunday School a more hearty co-operation, and the teachers can feel that the authority of the home is standing back of their own efforts, much more can be accomplished. But it often happens that a child feels himself aggrieved by something or other that has happened in Sunday School, and complains of it at home, finding at once sympathy without due investigation. Usually the result is that the child is allowed to stay away from Sunday School altogether, or is allowed

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to go somewhere else, and after a while the name is dropped from the rolls, and that is the end of the matter. For the School, yes. But not for the child. An injury has been done to the child by the ill-judged carelessness of the parents which will last far into life. A snub has been given to the Sunday School, which it may be able to bear. But the spirit of alienation has been encouraged in the heart of the boy or girl to an extent that may breed much trouble later.

The great need, that has long been felt, is therefore for a closer spirit of co-operation between the workers in the Schools and the parents in the homes.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

With all the good work that has been done here, changing conditions have brought about again a contraction of the numerical force of this school. In 1890 the total enrollment of the school proper was 596, with an average attendance of 446. Ten years ago, in 1902, the total enrollment was 486, with an average attendance of 320. At the end of 1912 we can report only a total enrollment of 420, with an average attendance of 268. Allowing for some slight differences in the strictness with which the records are kept, these figures are alarming. Our towns have grown, our other Sunday Schools have not varied much, but the Central School has lost 176 in its enrollment in about twenty years!

There is no question about the continued efficiency of the instruction given, nor is there any apparent lack of interest in the sessions. What is the trouble? It is for the congregation and for all who desire its continued health to begin to inquire into causes. It may be that one has been touched in the preceding paragraph on "The Schools of the Congregation." But there may be others, fully as important. The matter is earnestly commended to the thought and prayer of the whole membership.

We have here presented only the numerical strength of the School. Apart from this rather discouraging phase there are others which encourage. The steadiness of the attendance of many of the teachers and scholars, the musical development, etc.,

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are all to be commended. There is no apparent atmosphere of gloom anywhere. Rather the opposite. That is why it is earnestly hoped that there may be a possible removal of the causes which have so reduced the rolls, and that there may be a continued increase in the effectiveness of all for which a Sunday School should stand.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 154; female, 226; total, 380. Teachers and officers, male, 17; female, 23; total, 40. Total enrollment, male, 171; female, 249. Grand total, 420. Average attendance, 268. Home Department, visitors, 11; members, 105; total, 116. Annual contributions, $111.75. Cradle Roll, 24.

Collections in the School itself during the year, $534.57. Donations made, $661.63. Expenses, $350.70.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We may feel that in general the work of the year has been successful here.

At the end of 1912 it was decided to give up the so-called Graded Lessons, as being less a grading of the studies than a confusion of different passages for the different departments. We have now again the uniform text, with helps for the teachers graded to the needs of their scholars.

During the year we lost an efficient Junior Department Superintendent, Mr. Taylor Van Vleck, who recently entered the foreign missionary service. Of the two men chosen to take his place, one had to give up on account of having other pursuits, and the other left town for College. Finally Mr. William A. Steinmiller assumed the work, and we are once more progressing. In the Main Department we had the same difficulty. Bro. C. H. Rominger, the Superintendent, finding that his day school duties no longer allowed him to continue in the work, resigned at Easter. Both the Pastor in charge and the Sunday School Association endeavored to find a suitable person for this important work, but without avail, although men in all professions were appealed to. In this strait the Pastor in charge superintended *ad interim*. Meanwhile, Bro. Rominger was able to adjust his other work, and was again

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prevailed upon to assume charge. We are able, also, to report a full complement of officers and teachers, all of whom are remarkably faithful to duty.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 119; female, 126; total, 245. Teachers and officers, male, 12; female, 20; total, 32. Total enrollment, male, 131; female, 146; grand total, 277.

Home Department, visitors, 10; members, 75; total, 85.

Cradle Roll, 20.

Average attendance in School proper, 199.

The expenses of the year amounted to $186.00, and the donations were $220.00.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Here also it may be said that the work of the year has been satisfactory. The enrollment and the average attendance are about the same as last year. The Home Department, under the charge of Mrs. J. M. Yeakel, is continuing its work, as is also that other important Department, the Cradle Roll, under the management of Mrs. C. H. Reichel. A number from this department have been advanced into the primary department. The Sunday School Association meets regularly every month, and matters of interest to the School's improvement are discussed.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 148; female, 160; total, 308. Teachers and officers, male, 13; female, 14; total, 27. Total enrollment, male, 161; female, 174; grand total, 335.

Cradle roll, 31.

Home Department, 28.

Donations were made amounting to $240.00. The expenses were $209.50.

II. THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

During the past year a most important step in the development of the school was taken when a Manual Training Department for the boys was added to its facilities. The south-east room in the basement of the main building was equipped with benches and a complete outfit of tools for wood-work. The instruction is given

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in small classes, so that each boy may receive a liberal share of attention from the instructor. Beginning in the fifth grade, (lowest Intermediate,) two successive periods a week for four years are apportioned for this work for all the boys. In the higher classes manual training is optional. A special teacher, Mr. Lewis G. Crater, prepared for his work by practical experience and special study, was engaged to take charge of the department. A foundation for manual training is laid in the primary grades by Sloyd work, under the direction of the regular class teachers. With the girls a beginning in the same direction has been made in so far as the Sloyd work has been introduced with them also, and more time is given to drawing. It is hoped that, before long at least, a systematic course in sewing can be added in the next grade.

As may be seen from the description just given, the manual training department is not a course by itself, to be taken independently of the other courses, but is intended to assist in a fuller development of all the pupils. While, therefore, the new department has been introduced primarily for pedagogical reasons, it is confidently expected that our boys and girls shall acquire also practical skill that may be of direct use in the future.

The several departments at present offer the following courses:

The Primary and Sub-Primary, first to fourth year: religious instruction, language and literature, writing, arithmetic, geography, nature study, drawing, Sloyd work, singing, physical training.

The Intermediate, fifth to seventh year, adds elementary U. S. history, physiology, and German, each one year, and manual training.

The Academic department, five years: religious instruction, 5 years; English language and literature, 5 years; arithmetic, 1 year; algebra, 2 years; plane geometry, 2 years; arithmetic review, 1 year; solid geometry and plane trigonometry, 1 year; higher algebra, 1 year; Latin, 5 years; Greek, 3 years; German, 6 years; French, 4 years; ancient, medieval and modern English

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and U. S. history, 4 years; civics, 1 year; geography, 1 year; physical geography, 1 year; physics, 1 year; chemistry, 1 year; bookkeeping and business forms, 2 years; manual training; mechanical drawing; physical training.

Of this remarkably complete list of studies certain branches are obligatory. Others are grouped with them to form definite courses in accordance with universally accepted standards. In every instance the amount to be covered, and the proficiency to be attained, are measured by the requirements of the best Colleges.

The following features of the curriculum deserve special notice: 1. The completeness of the classical and modern language courses. 2. In keeping with the practice of many of the best private and public schools of the country, the instruction in Latin and German begins before the high school age. 3. The instruction in the sciences is accompanied by ample laboratory work. 4. The gymnasium affords not only an opportunity for athletics in the usual sense of the term, but offers to every boy and girl the advantages of regular physical training. This is a factor in the development of our young people which cannot be estimated too highly, and for which neither athletics nor manual labor can be a satisfactory substitute.

The attendance is slightly larger at the present date than it was last year at the same time.

Scholars, male, 83; female, 98; total, 181.

Teachers, male, 4; female, 9; total, 13.

Graduates, male, 6; female, 9; total, 15.

Of the pupils now in attendance 115 are Moravian, and 66 non-Moravian.

During the past Summer catalogues were sent to all Moravian families with children of school age under fourteen years. They were accompanied by a circular containing an invitation of the Superintendent to visit the school, and become familiar with its work and methods. This invitation is here repeated, and with particular urgency extended to those families which have not yet made a choice for their children.

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The tuition is $5.00 annually for the first nine classes, and $15.00 annually for the last three. The average annual expense for books, if all books are bought new, is about $4.00, being as low as 75 cents in the first year, and gradually rising in the last years until it is $8.00 or $9.00, according to the course selected. Since, however, many of the books in the upper classes are used only for a year, or less, good second-hand copies can usually be bought, and thus this item of expense materially reduced. Changes in text-books are made, after careful consideration by a committee of the School Board and the Superintendent, only when the interests of the pupils demand it.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 238 93
Tuition	3,666 50
Miscellaneous	38 75
Gymnasium	174 00
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	6,250 00
	$10,368 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 452 68	
Miscellaneous Expenses	626 39	
Chemical Laboratory	32 97	
Gymnasium	79 02	
Books and Stationery	157 53	
Manual Training	80 83	
Salaries	8,568 50	
Balance in Bank, November 30, 1912	370 26	
		$10,368 18

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, Treasurer.

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V. The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

Five meetings were held during the past year, four special and one regular.

The address on Whit-Sunday evening, May 26, was delivered by the Rev. H. E. Stocker, pastor of the South Bethlehem Moravian congregation.

The receipts of the year, including the balance on hand, were $2,854.19. This amount includes the Adelaide A. Smith legacy of $2,394.27.

Donations were made to the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem; the General Mission Fund; Demarara; to Bro. G. Grossmann, for gasoline for his motor-boat; to Sr. Schramm, in Nicaragua. These donations amounted to $350.00.

Eleven new members were added to the Society, and there were 7 deaths. The membership at present is 386.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice-President, Mrs. James T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Collectors, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. James Yeakel, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. Mary Hartman, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Henry A. Krause, Mrs. Jos. Traeger, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Fred Schwarze, Mrs. A. Sterner, Miss Georgie Bishop.

2.—The Young Men's Missionary Society.

Organized September 7, 1840.

The work of the past months has been devoid of special incident, but resumed its steady course. The Society had assumed the support of the Superintendent of the Nicaraguan Mission, who for a while had been Bro. George R. Heath. Recently, however, Bro. Theodore Reinke has become Superintendent, and with

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the change the Society's pledge for his support was increased, since a part of Bro. Heath's salary had been met by friends in England. So far the full amount required has been raised by subscriptions within the membership of the Society, but new contributions are constantly needed, as here and there some subscription ceases.

At the monthly meetings, in the rooms on South Main Street, most interesting news from the field has been communicated, and discussions have taken place regarding the work.

The annual address, at the anniversary in January, was given by the Rt. Rev. J. T. Hamilton, D.D., who was then on his way to Surinam, South America, on a visitation.

The Society now numbers 217 active members, 50 associate, and 92 life, a total of 359 persons.

The receipts have been $1,251.60, of which $864.95 is the contribution toward the special Nicaraguan Fund. Other missionary donations were made, as follows: to Alaska, $50.00; to the Leper Hospital, $25.00; for the motor boat in Nicaragua, $25.00; for the work in Surinam, $25.00; for Jamaica, $25.00.

Officers: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice-President, Edward J. Krause; Secretary, Fred. B. Hartman; Treasurer, G. Fred Krause. Other members have also been added to the Executive Committee, F. I. Klinker, H. A. Krause, H. J. Meyers.

3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

There are many contributions which are made for special missionary causes, and in response to urgent calls from various quarters. But here is a Society which remembers that ultimately the General Mission Treasury stands responsible for the whole world-wide work. It therefore was organized specifically for the purpose of adding something to this treasury. Its members contribute five cents a month, and so quietly is the work done that little is heard from it, save when the annual appropriations are made. During the year just past there has been a slight increase in the membership and in the contributions.

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The enrollment is 200, of which 14 are male members and 186 female.

During the Spring a contribution of $57.00 was made, and another in the Fall, of $55.00, a total of $112.00.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss G. A. Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause; Collectors, Mrs. Samuel Yost, Mrs. Harry C. Bealer, Miss Anita Bailey, Miss Mary Krause, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Marguerite Eberman, Miss Letitia Schrader, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Dorothy Doster, Mrs. Sumter Forney, Miss Nina Krause, and Miss Georgie Bishop.

4.—The Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

This Society is composed of all the pupils in the School, and holds its meetings on the first day of each month. During the past year it has had the pleasure of listening to addresses by several missionaries passing through town. This has had the effect of more deeply stirring up a missionary spirit.

There are at present 181 members, of whom 83 are boys and 98 girls.

Donations have been made as follows: for a motor-boat for Bro. Schramm, in Nicaragua, $21.27; for the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, $2.85; for the orphanages in Bohemia, $16.26; for the church in Martinez, California, $4.46; a total of $44.84.

Officers: President, George D. Turner; Vice-President, William C. Schulz; Secretary, Louise S. Thaeler; Treasurer, J. Walter Meissner.

5.—The Home Mission Society.

Founded March 5, 1849; organized August 28, 1849; incorporated January 16, 1865.

Four meetings of the Board of Directors were held during the year. The anniversary was observed on Sunday, June 2, at which the speaker was the Rev. Victor G. Flinn, pastor of the Third Moravian congregation in New York City, a colored congregation,

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composed largely of former West Indians, who had been members of our congregations in that Mission.

The annual meeting of the Society, and the election of officers, took place on the evening of Sunday, May 19.

While little may be said of the work of this Society, which is actually the congregation itself, it continues its effectiveness in stimulating home missionary interest, and in gathering the funds which are necessary to carry on the work in our own land.

From the monthly offerings in the Church and Chapels $667.23 came into the treasury. Collection at the annual meeting, $72.37. House to house collection, $295.53. Interest from bequests, etc., $236.00. Total, $1,271.13.

The stipends paid to four home missionaries amounted to $725.00. In order to complete the quota of the congregation for the general home mission treasury $531.03 was required, and to complete the quota for the District Board of Church Extension $102.63. The expenses were $10.00. Total, $1,368.66.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President, the Rev. M. E. Kemper; Recording Secretary, A. H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, E. C. Roest; Treasurer, H. A. Krause. Other Directors: O. A. Clewell, F. H. Wilhelm, H. B. Eggert, C. J. Gapp, the Rev. F. E. Lennox, and Frank V. Kleckner.

6.—The Alaska Auxiliary Society.

Founded April 16, 1884; organized November 28, 1888.

Ever since the beginning of the missionary work of the Moravian Church in Alaska the Bethlehem congregation has maintained its pledged attitude, then assumed, hearty support of this enterprise. Therefore the congregation considers itself, as a whole, an auxiliary Society, which once a year makes a special offering in behalf of the work. This occurs in the month of October, when collectors call at each house, and contributions are handed them by the members.

It should be clearly understood, then, that this is not a Society *within* the congregation, but is the congregation itself.

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The annual business meeting was held on Sunday evening, February 18, after the service in the Church. At this time the officers were elected.

The contributions secured in the October house-to-house canvass amounted to $473.11. At the New Year's Eve service $59.12 was added. The expenses of the year were $14.85.

Officers: President, H. A. Krause; Vice-President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, Theodore Kampmann; Directors, the Pastors, *ex officio*, F. I. Klinker, C. H. Wenhold, O. A. Clewell, Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Miss Irene Ross, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. Charles W. Clewell.

Other collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Sarah Spinner, Miss Margaret Heine, Miss Helen de Schweinitz, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Bertha Tallon, Mrs. Fred J. Rice, Miss Helen Halteman, Miss Clara Hermany, Miss Pauline Detterer, Miss Carrie A. Clewell.

7.—*The West Side Missionary Forward Movement.*

Inaugurated in 1904.

The purpose of this movement is to interest the more than 400 communicant members of the West Side in the *direct* support of a missionary representative. While only a few, comparatively, have entered into this laudable project, the partial support of a missionary couple, Bro. and Sr. Seibt, of German East Africa, has, nevertheless, been maintained.

The sum raised was less in 1912 than in the year before. This was caused mainly by a change in the manner in which a supporting organization has made its contributions to Foreign Missions.

Prior to this year the West Side Sunday School had, for some years, been apportioning its fifty-two collections among the various causes, the offerings on certain Sundays having gone to Foreign Missions through the West Side Forward Movement, to be applied to the salary of its missionary. This year, however,

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the contributions through the movement were discontinued, and the appropriations of the Sunday School have been made otherwise.

The sum of $214.00 was applied to the salary of Br. Seibt. Of this, $25.00 was contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society; $14.37 came in as the net offering at the anniversary lovefeast in November, after paying expenses amounting to $12.90. Other expenses amounted to $2.75.

This small organization is able to make the substantial showing it does for the Lord's work largely through the splendid liberality of one of the members, although the others are doubtless also giving according to their means. It is, however, most sincerely hoped that others may become interested in the object for which this organization is working.

The annual mission day was held in November, with a lovefeast in the afternoon, at which the Rev. George Lopp, of Jamaica, W. I., spoke. The contents of letters from Bro. Seibt, in Africa, were also communicated. The missionary sermon in the evening service was delivered by the Rev. Edmund de S. Brunner, M.A.

Officers: President, the Rev. W. H. Fluck; Secretary, William A. Steinmiller; Treasurer, Emil J. Bishop.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The membership stands at 38 active, and 13 honorary. The object of the Society is the support of Home Missions.

Donations were made amounting to $419.01, and $97.19 was spent for materials, etc.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice-President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp.

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2.—Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

The membership of the Circle is at present 19 on the active list, with 11 on the honorary.

The support of the Theological Seminary is the object steadily maintained by the organization.

A Reception was held in June in Comenius Hall, giving a most pleasant opportunity for the students and their friends and the townspeople to intermingle socially.

In addition to this the sum of $300.00 was given directly to the treasury of the College.

Leader: Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

The Busy Workers held their annual fair and entertainment on October 26, in the Sunday School Building and in the Gymnasium of the Parochial School. Of the $373.51 then realized, $210.00 was given in Christmas gifts to the wives of twenty-one home missionaries. The following causes also received $50.00 each, the Alaska Mission, the Home Mission treasury, and the Theological Seminary.

Officers: President, Miss Bertha Hark; Vice-President, Mrs. Fred Schmid; Secretary, Mrs. Benjamin F. Drake; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert S. Taylor.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized October, 1893.

On the rolls of the Society this year there are 19 active and 3 honorary members. One member was called home. Seven meetings were held, at the homes of the respective members.

Two boxes of clothing and household supplies were sent to a home missionary at Thanksgiving time, amounting in value, including a check and freight, to $379.47.

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Officers: President, Mrs. Edward Jacobson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna M. Pownall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau.

5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

The Society has been active throughout the year, except during the heated season, and 24 meetings were held, at which sewing and quilting were done. An annual Sale, held in the Spring, netted a considerable sum. Not so successful, however, from a financial standpoint, was the dinner served to the delegates of the County Sunday School Convention, held in the Sunday School Chapel. This was because the charge was so small, and all the provisions were purchased.

The following donations were made: $5.00 for a local cause; $15.00 to a home missionary, and $25.00 toward the salary of a missionary in German East Africa. At the close of the year there was still $36.04 in hand.

There are 12 active members, and the Society meets every two weeks, on Wednesday, at the Chapel.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; Vice-President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice-President, Miss Emma Transue; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Fluck; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner.

6.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

The Society meets at the Chapel every Wednesday afternoon for work. A number of quilts and aprons have been made and sold, and an "orange social" was held. The Society also meets for business, and a social hour at some home once a month. Refreshments were served at the annual meeting held at the Chapel in November. There are 14 members in the Society.

The treasurer's report shows a fund of $34.67.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice-President, Miss Emma Heine; Secretary, Mrs. Adam Meyer; Treasurer, Mrs. William Desh.

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C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. First Circles formed in 1887.

There are 24 Circles now in the Union, one less than last year, but the membership has risen to 403, an increase of 31.

The Union maintains steadily its support of a nurse for the congregation, but apart from this the reports from all the Circles indicate that they have been engaged in their usual kindly services, looking after the sick and the needy. Attention has also been given the "supply closet" and the Mission Rooms; donations have been made to the Moravian College, and the Church has been decorated on special occasions. The Union held its annual bandage-rolling also, the result being 650 bandages, 550 of which were sent to the leper hospital in Surinam, and 100, with $20.00 in cash, to the leper hospital in Jerusalem.

There was expended, on account of the nurse, $530.35; for repairs at the College, $26.94; for sundries, $31.19. From the individual Circles reports indicate that $416.60 was contributed to various Christian objects.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the King's Daughters' work in Bethlehem, observed September 25, the Union brought together the results of an effort which had extended over the past twelve months to raise $1,000.00. But so successful had been the quiet and universal effort that the sum gathered was $1,256.05.

Officers: President, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. A. Jacobson, Mrs. F. W. Detterer, Mrs. E. A. Rau; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frederick B. Hartman; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

Four meetings of the Union were held, once each quarter, in the respective places of worship.

The meetings at the South Side Church and at Laurel Street Chapel were open for general participation.. The meeting on the

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West Side was addressed by the Rev. H. C. Kline, of Salem Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, and that in the Central Sunday School Building, by the Rev. Obadiah Becker, of Allentown, Superintendent of the Rescue Mission in that city.

Officers: President, J. George Bruner; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Florence Mack; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ellen Schupp.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

The Society here continues to be a spiritual and social force among all those young people who have interested themselves in the Christian Endeavor work on the West Side. The number of persons attending the meetings, and taking part in them, is encouraging. Of the 32 members who are on the rolls, 15 are male and 17 female, and although the former are just as active as the latter, the male members are, strangely enough, not represented at all among those holding office. However, when the First District C. E. Union convened in New York City, one of the two delegates sent by the Society was a young man.

A pledge of $15.00 was paid toward the salary of the Union's missionary in California, and $6.00 was expended in sending the delegates to the Convention.

If we were to indicate lines along which improvement might be made, there should be mentioned spontaneity in taking part in the meetings, as well as the need of a deeper sense on the part of all the members that this work is Christ's work, and is worthy of our very best devotion.

Officers: President, Miss Geneva Morgan; Vice-President, Miss Laura Benson; Recording Secretary, Miss Nellie Huff; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mae Schupp; Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutchinson.

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2.—*West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

There are 25 members on the roll, a few less than last year, some of the missing having gone into the Senior Society, and others finding the hour of meeting inconvenient. The average number in attendance has been 19; the largest number, 36; the smallest, 10. In the meetings the children take part regularly, lead their own services and preside at the piano. No meetings were held during the Summer.

In February, the Society gave a social in the basement of the Chapel, 38 children attending, to whom refreshments were served.

In May, the Juniors gave an entertainment, furnishing the talent themselves with the aid of one or two friends of their own age. This proved a delight to their parents and friends, who largely attended, as well as to themselves; and no less were the Juniors pleased with the collection, which amounted to nearly $5.00.

Just before the Summer recess, a very pleasant picnic was indulged in on the lawn of the parsonage, 70 Church Street.

A contribution of $5.00 was made to the salary of the Union's missionary in California.

Leaders in charge: Mrs. W. H. Fluck and Mr. J. G. Bruner.

Officers: President, Martha Luckenbach; Vice-President, Madge Bader; Secretary, Clara Schupp; Treasurer, Ruth Beal; Pianist, Ruth Kleckner; Assistant Pianist, Margaret Schupp.

3.—*Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

This Society consists of 23 male and 24 female members, a total of 47. In addition there are 12 names on the honorary list.

During the year the Society has collected a total of $149.12, of which amount $65.00 was contributed toward the support of Bro. William Weinland, the First District's missionary in California. Sundry expenses required $44.64.

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During the early Summer the Christian Endeavor Efficiency Campaign was launched, and good progress has been made in raising the percentages to which the Society is entitled. It was a startling discovery, which is likely to be duplicated by any other Society attempting the same method of "taking stock," that while the Society seemed to be in excellent condition, when actually measured by efficiency tests, it fell far below the standard. The discovery, however, was a strong stimulus, and all the Committees have learned how to improve their work.

Officers: C. Conrad Shimer; Vice-President, Miss Della V. Preisch; Recording Secretary, Miss Nola Van Harne; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Susie Jacobson; Treasurer, Nathanael Mewaldt; Assistant Treasurer, Miss Helena Rauch.

4.—Central Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized April 7, 1892.

The year has been an encouraging one for this Society. Not only has there been an increase in the size of the membership, but a renewal of interest has been evident in the meetings, and in the real work of the Society.

During the year $12.25 was raised toward the support of Bro. Weinland, in California.

On the roll are 8 boys and 33 girls.

Officers: Superintendent, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Susie Jacobson; President, Elizabeth Drake; Secretary, David Thaeler; Treasurer, Leonora Turner.

5.—Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized September 27, 1892.

Regular meetings were suspended during the Summer months, but with the cooler weather they were resumed, every Friday evening. While not largely attended, the meetings have been helpful to all. No special reports have been made of activity along particular lines. The work of the Society has been rather of the usual kind.

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There are 20 names enrolled, 5 male and 15 female. The pledge of $12.50 towards the support of the Union's missionary in California has been paid, as also the birthday donation of $5.00.

Current expenses amounted to $5.78.

Officers: President, Addison Meinecke; Vice-President, Miss Florence Mack; Secretary, Miss Daisy Nonnemacher; Treasurer, Clayton Bernhardt.

6.—Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 21, 1894.

No meetings were held during July and August. September saw again a large number in attendance. As the banner was received by this Society last year for the largest increase, it had to be surrendered this year, for to have again secured it would have meant an unusually large Society. Some of the former members have passed into the Young People's Society. There is now a membership of 17 male and 38 female, total, 55.

No pledge had been made toward the support of the Union's missionary representative, but $15.50 was given toward this cause. Current expenses amounted to $5.34.

Miss Stella Ehrgott is the Superintendent, assisted by Miss Mary Stecker, Mrs. Arthur Hewitt, J. G. Bruner, and Christian Weber.

Officers: President, William Heim; Vice-President, Evelyn Hummel; Secretary, Adele Frick; Treasurer, Frances Eberman.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

This is an organization of young men which devotes special attention to athletics, having the use, during the Winter months, of the gymnasium of the Parochial School, three evenings a week. A basketball team also represents the League vigorously and successfully.

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During the Summer special interest attaches to camp-life and canoeing. Strong and sound bodies are fitted to become the temples of the Holy Spirit, and it is a part of Christian duty to build up the physical as well as the spiritual, in order to be efficient in Christian life and work.

There are 25 members in the League. The expenditures have been only those for the rent of the gymnasium, this amount being designed only to cover the actual cost of use.

Officers: President, Raymond W. Bodder; First Vice-President, Joseph Heller; Second Vice-President, William Rice; Secretary, Russell C. Sigley; Treasurer, Frederick T. Beckel.

2.—The Trombone Choir.

The interest in this organization continues deep and steady. Two new members have been added. However, there must be recorded the death of the leader of the choir, Bro. Charles H. Neisser, who had been at the head of this organization since 1906. His place has been filled by the appointment of Bro. Augustus H. Leibert as leader.

During the year the choir was called out 119 times, of which 27 were for death announcements, and 33 for participation in funerals.

There are 20 members of the choir.

Leader, Augustus H. Leibert.

3.—Laurel Street Ushers' Association.

Organized October 1, 1906.

This Association has closed one of the most successful years in its history. The members have all been active in the various duties assigned to them in connection with the work at the Chapel, and have never failed to respond when called upon for special work. There has been a net gain of one member, the Association now numbering 17. Regular meetings are held once a month, at the homes of the members. Donations and expenses, $20.92.

Officers: President, J. Seward Titlow; Vice-President, J. H. Heller; Secretary, Clayton Bernhardt; Treasurer, E. A. More; Fifth member of the Executive Committee, C. H. Reichel.

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4.—The Emergency Choir.

During the year there were 23 calls for the services of the choir. A sympathetic and helpful response was given to all of them. In the home-going of Mrs. J. Samuel Krause the choir suffered a great loss. In order that more efficient service may be rendered, Dr. A. G. Rau has consented to direct the monthly practicings of the choir.

The membership counts 12 singers.

Leader, Mrs. F. E. Lennox.

5.—The Moravian College Guild.

Organized during 1910.

The Guild has continued its thoughtful work of supplying the Moravian College and Theological Seminary with articles necessary for domestic purposes, and the donations made have amounted this year to $92.55.

The Guild mourns the loss of its first President, Mrs. J. S. Krause, who had also organized it.

There are 19 Directors, including the officers.

Officers: President, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp; Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Pownall.

6.—The Laurel Band of Laurel Street Chapel.

The Band has continued its work of furnishing flowers for the services at the Chapel, and on occasions of sickness and death among the regular attendants at the Chapel. It also decorates the Chapel on special occasions other than Christmas and Easter.

During the year an ice-cream festival was held and a sour krout supper was given.

The expenses of the year were $21.26.

There are 9 members, with Mrs. William Halteman as leader.

Officers: President, Miss Maggie Biel; Vice-President, Miss Harriet Horn; Secretary, Miss Helen Halteman; Treasurer, Miss Bertha Young.

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7.—Corps of Sacristans, West Side Chapel.

This corps of 12 sacristans was appointed by the Board of Elders during the latter part of the year, both for the purpose of securing more efficient service from those who hold the office of door-keepers in the house of the Lord, and in order that officers performing similar duties at the different places of worship may be designated by the same terms.

Mr. William Constable is the Vice Head Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, and Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner is the Female Vice Head Sacristan.

VI. General Financial Statistics.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1911, to November 30, 1912, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregational work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$28,410 24
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	13,828 20
Total	$42,238 44

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees for the year ending November 30, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Gross income from "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$17,502 29	
From Land Rents	337 00	
From House Rents	1,628 50	
		$19,467 79
Contributions of Members		3,893 10
Total receipts		$23,360 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 1,059 41
Repairs to Productive Property	559 20

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General Expenses	1,635 28	
		$ 3,253 89
Donations		1,000 00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$ 5,508 70	
Repairs and Furniture	346 54	
		5,855 24
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,000 00	
Archives Expenses	271 62	
Repairs to Church Buildings, General	438 62	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	725 00	
Parsonage Expenses	471 75	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	10,198 34	
		13,105 33
Total Disbursements		$23,214 46
Excess Receipts		146 43
		$23,360 89

J. S. KRAUSE, *Treasurer.*

3. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 1,144 96	
Interest, Legacies, etc.	961 00	
Church Collections	113 90	
		$ 2,219 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations	$ 604 43	
Investments	1,165 00	
Expenses	9 58	
Balance, November 30, 1912	440 85	
		$ 2,219 86

HERMAN A. DOSTER, *Treasurer.*

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4. Contributions of the Congregation toward the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $196.39; Sunday Schools, $90.00)	$ 286 39
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $142.76; Sunday Schools, $80.00)	222 76
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $317.22; Sunday Schools, $40.00; Societies, $220.70)	577 92
Foreign Missions, special objects, (Collections, $407.42; Sunday Schools, $431.81; Societies, $166.74; Individuals, $719.43)	3,228 40
Foreign Missions, Alaska (Collections, $623.35; Sunday Schools, $75.00; Societies, $632.23)	1,330 58
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $1,091.73; Sunday Schools, $90.00; Societies, $582.03)	1,763 76
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, (Collections, $72.37; Societies, $102.63)	175 00
Home Missions, special objects, (Collections, $497.51; Sunday Schools, $70.00; Societies, $1,758.23; Individals, $66.45)	2,392 19
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $233.74; Sunday Schools, $166.07; Societies, $531.52)	931 33
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Individuals, $1,025.00)	1,025 00
All other causes. (Collections, $140.16; Sunday Schools, $20.00; Individuals, $410.00)	570 16
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church	$12,503 49
General Christian objects, (Collections, $94.25; Sunday Schools, $40.00; Societies, $190.46)	$ 324 71
Congregation purposes, (not including $3,146.75 non-Moravian Parochial School dues and Gymnasium receipts) but collections, Church-dues, special efforts and internal beneficence	6,305 17
Grand Total of contributions of the congregation	$19,133 37

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5. Contributions of the Congregation, from all sources, to objects outside its own work.

Appropriation by the Trustees from congregation funds.	$ 1,000 00
Contributed through various congregational channels.	12,528 20
Total	$13,528 20

6. Total money disbursed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1912, exclusive of the Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts.

Appropriation from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the Congregation	$19,467 79
Appropriated from income of Almoners	490 53
Parochial School dues, etc., from non-Moravians	3,146 75
Contributed through various congregational channels	19,133 37
Grand total from income and contributions	$42,238 44

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VI.—The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1912.

CHURCH MEMBERS	Totals on Nov. 30, 1911	INCREASE DURING 1912						DECREASE DURING 1912				Totals on Nov. 30, 1912
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received		Re-Admitted	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Dropped	
			Moravians	Non-Moravians	Moravians	Non-Moravians						
A.—Communicants, viz:												
Males	677	1	11	2	5	12	2	14	0	4	0	692
Females	924	1	18	9	3	18	2	10	0	5	0	960
B.—Non-Communicants over 13 years, viz:		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Males	45	15			14			0	11	0	0	63
Females	55	19			9			0	18	0	0	65
C.—Children, viz:		Baptized			Received			Died	Transferred to Non Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Boys under 13 years	175	12			5			4	15	0	0	173
Girls under 13 years	127	13			9			0	19	0	0	130
Grand Total	2003											2083

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident.		*Non Resident*		*Souls.*		
	Males.	*Females.*	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Resident.*	*Non-Resid't*	*Total.*
Married Couples	348	348	22	22	696	44	740
Married Men	57		17		57	17	74
Married Women		109		40	109	40	149
Widowers	34		3		34	3	37
Widows		133		9	133	9	142
Single Men	178		20		178	20	198
Single Women		260		12	260	12	272
Older Boys	13				13		13
Older Girls		27			27		27
Total Communicants	630	877	62	83	1507	145	1652

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	630	877	1507
Non-Resident Communicants	62	83	145
Total Communicants	692	960	1652
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	20		20
Single Women		14	14
Older Boys	43		43
Older Girls		51	51
Total Non-Communicants	63	65	128
CHILDREN.			
Resident	151	119	270
Non-Resident	22	11	33
Total Children	173	130	303
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	830	1052	1882
Non-Resident	98	103	201
Grand Total	928	1155	2083

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males	*Females.*	*Total.*
Married People	444	519	963
Widowers	37		37
Widows		142	142
Single Men	218		218
Single Women		286	286
Older Boys	56		56
Older Girls		78	78
Children	173	130	303
Grand Total Membership	928	1155	2083

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VIII. A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation, at the End of the Year 1912.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-36.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Harry J. Meyers, 1905.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.
2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Henry B. Schneller, 1907.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03-'07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham C. Schropp, 1867-'76-'89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82-'87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Aaron B. Levers, 1894.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1907.
9 persons.

The School Board.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
Clayton C. Teter, 1911.
Charles H. Riegel, 1912..
9 persons.

The Almoners.

Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1911.
James T. Borhek, 1911.
5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.
3 persons.

Persons in attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904.
Secretary, 1907.
Theodore Kampmann, 1888.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frank B. Schwab, Jr., 1911.
Mrs. Cornelia M. Traeger, 1890.
Head Female Sacristan, 1912, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, 1912.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. William M. Constable, 1899.

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Mrs. Frank H. Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
24 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
George W. Grube, 1910.
7 persons.

Sacristans, West Side Chapel.

William M. Constable,
Vice Head Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Charles Hackman, 1912.
James Hutchinson, 1912.
Morris Kindig, 1912.
Samuel Mack, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the West Side Chaped, 1912.
Mrs. Harry Fisher, 1912.
Mrs. Charles Hafleigh, 1912.
Mrs. Morris Kindig, 1912.
Mrs. James F. Maynes, 1912.
Mrs. Peter J. Remely, 1912.
12 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Nicholas Schwab, 1896.
Chairman, 1910.
Alfred C. Betge,
Vice Chairman, 1910.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
C. William Eberman, 1896.
Jesse M. Bodder, 1912.
Ray Wilhelm, 1912.
Franklin S. Schwab, Jr., 1891.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer E. Ruth, 1906.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Charles H. Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
John Heine, 1910.
Richard Cunningham, 1910.
Arthur W. Kluge, 1912.
23 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

J. Soward Titlow, 1909,
President, 1912.
Joseph H. Heller, 1908,
Vice President.
Clayton W. Bernhardt, 1912,
Secretary.
Edgar A. More, 1907, Treasurer.
Clarence H. Reichel, 1906.
Glenmore D. Mease, 1906.
R. Fred Mease, 1907.
John R. Heine, 1907.
Arthur G. Hewett, 1906.
Walter S. Titlow, 1909.
Truman Matz, 1909.
Robert P. More, 1909.
Granville Schupp, 1911.
Frank Weaver, 1912.
Warren Nonnemacher, 1912.
Adam Meyer, 1912.
Elmer E. Remaley, 1912.
17 persons.

The Laurel Street Chapel Committee.

Philip Bernhardt, 1910-'13,
Chairman.
Elmer Remaley, 1912-'15,
Vice Chairman.
Frank Ricksecker, 1911-'14,
Secretary.
Walter Titlow, 1910-'13.
Adam Meyer, 1911-'14.
Thomas Fachsbinner, 1912-'15.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex-officio.
7 persons.
James M. Yeakle, Treasurer.

The West Side Chapel Committee.

James Hutchinson, 1911-'14,
Chairman.
Eugene A. Brunner, 1911-'12.
Secretary.
William A. Steinmueller, 1912-'15,
Treasurer.
George R. Breder, 1912-'14.
William Constable, 1912-15.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912-'15.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, ex-officio.
7 persons.

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Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

The Rev. A. D. Thacler, 1907.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck,
General Pastoral assistant, 1911.
Miss Gertrude Levering,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1911.
Miss Harriet Olpp,
Assistant, Primary Dept., 1910;
Supt., Cradle Roll, 1911.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.
John Heine,
Assistant Secretary, 1909.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Jos. M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
William F. Hartman,
Musical Director, 1907.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary, Dept., 1909.
R. Fred Mease, Librarian, 1908.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

The Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., 1898.
Edward C. Roest, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Mrs. Fred B. Hartman, 1907.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Anita Bailey, 1906.
Miss Lizzie Schwab, 1907.
Mrs. L. Tencate, 1909.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Jeanette Murray, 1910.
Miss Susan Jacobson, 1910.
Miss Nola Van Horne, 1910.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1910.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1910.
Mrs. G. Wm. Eberman, 1910.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
David Rebstock, 1911.
C. Conrad Shimer, 1911.
Miss Florence Tencate, 1910.
Miss Clara Hoch, 1912.
Miss Nina Krause, 1912.
Miss Dorothea de Schweinitz, 1912.
Mrs. Alfred Betge, 1912.
Lewis G. Crater, 1912.
Otto J. Sawyer, 1912.
Reginald Clewell, 1912.
Miss Helen Rebstock, 1912.
41 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Charles H. Rominger,
Superintendent, 1909.
C. C. Meixell,
Asst. Superintendent, 1912.
William Miller, Secretary, 1911.
Stanley Bonnor,
Asst. Secretary, 1912.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Treasurer, 1911.
Paul Kleckner, Librarian, 1912.
Fred E. Hartman, Organist, 1910.
William A. Steinmueller,
Supt. Primary Department, 1911.
Miss Mabel Jacoby,
Organist, Primary, Dept., 1910.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger,
Supt., Sub-Primary Dept., 1901.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905,
Asst., Supt., Sub-Primary Dept.
Mrs. Emma Myers,
Supt., Home Department, 1905.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, 1911.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Annie Reiner, 1906.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Miss Florence Tencate, 1909.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1911.
Ray Schmich, 1911.
Miss Geneva Morgan, 1911.
Miss Katherine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Helen Canam, 1911.
Miss Beatrice Rebstock, 1911.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1912.
John Schupp, 1912.
Mrs. W. V. Moses, 1912.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1912.
Miss Grace Wambold, 1912.
A. W. Schmich, 1912.
Miss Edith Ross, 1912.
32 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Superintendent, 1907.
Frank B. Ricksecker,
Assistant Superintendent, 1911;
Organist, 1906.
Julius Geisenderfer,
Asst. Superintendent, 1912.

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J. Seward Titlow, 1911,
Secretary, 1912.
Joseph Heller, 1911.
Edgar A. More, 1912.
Assistant Secretaries.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1887.
Miss Iva Krause,
Treasurer, 1901, also Asst. Supt., Primary Department.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Clayton Bernhardt,
Asst. Librarian, 1911.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Primary Dept.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Mrs. William Halteman, 1903.
J. G. Brunner, 1910.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1911.
Miss Myrtle Frankenfield, 1911.
Vaclav Vancura, 1911.
Kenneth Hamilton, 1911.
Mrs. Anson Kuhns, 1911.
Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, 1912.
Mrs. Joseph Heller, 1912.
Miss Florence Cartright, 1912.
Herbert Kant, 1912.
Addison Meinecke, 1912.
Richard Shields, 1912.
August Wucherer, 1912.
28 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Edward C. Roest, 1888,
Superintendent, 1909.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Miss Virginia Huebner, 1875.
Miss Maria Killough, 1900.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92.
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Charles H. Rominger, 1909.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1909.
Miss Helen E. S. Lennox, 1909.
Lewis G. Crater, 1912,
Physical Instructor.
Miss Elida Barnes, 1912,
Physical Instructress.
13 persons.

Musicians.

Organists.

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Miss Helen E. S. Lennox,
Parochial School, 1912.
Fred B. Hartman,
West Side Chapel, 1910.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Mabel Jacoby,
Pianist, West Side Primary Department, 1910.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905,
Pianist, Central Sunday School.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., Central, 1909.
Miss Florence Mack,
Organist, Laurel Street Primary Dept., Sunday School, 1909.
9 persons.

Trombonists.

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868,
Leader, 1912.

Soprano.

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Charles Kemper, 1908.
Earl Bruch, 1910.
John Grider, 1912.

Alto.

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Spurgeon G. Sigley, 1908.
William Miller, 1910.

Tenor.

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George E. Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.
Owen Rice, 1909.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1909.
Lowell Otis, 1910.
Rusk Maynes, 1911.

Bass

Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theodore W. Shields, 1898.
Paul Kleckner, 1912.
19 persons.

Orchestra, Central Church.

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
Jacob Hartzell, 1906.
William F. Hartman, 1887.

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E. L. Buchman, 1899.
H. E. Kern, 1904.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Paul Ricksecker, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.
Hans Roemer, 1909.
W. C. Hartman, 1909.
Leonard Luckenbach, 1909.
Robert E. Stout, Jr., 1911.
George Bilheimer, 1910.
Frank B. Ricksecker, 1909.
George Pettinos, 1900.
Jesse Kreidler, 1910.
Howard Haas, 1910.
Lowell Otis, 1911.

19 persons.

Singers, Church.

Soprano.

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Laura Krause, 1887.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Adelaide Walker, 1904.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Susie Jacobson, 1909.
Miss Elizabeth Schrader, 1909.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1909.
Miss Pauline Detterer, 1909.
Miss Katherine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Mae Schupp, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1911.
Miss Dorothy Roest, 1911.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1912.

Alto.

Miss Elizabeth Schwab, 1894.
Mrs. Edward F. Gray, 1901.
Miss Agnes Luckenbach, 1908.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. Fred J. Rice, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Helen Gray, 1909.
Miss Frances Roest, 1909.
Miss Mildred Milchsack, 1909.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1897.
Miss Viola Remaly, 1911.
Miss Harriet Bachman, 1912.
Miss Phylis Thomas, 1912.

Tenor.

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
R. V. K. Eberman, 1902.
Fred H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
Leslie Ruth, 1911.

Bass.

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1885.
Harold Groman, 1908.
Carl Pharo, 1912.
Paul Kleckner, 1912.
David Rebstock, 1911.
Howard Gilbert, 1910.
Philip Thomas, 1910.

54 persons.

Officers of the Central Church Choir.

Miss Harriet G. Miksch, President.
R. Fred Mease, Vice President.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab, Secretary.
Miss Carrie Belling, Treasurer.

Committee on Membership,

Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Miss Elizabeth Schwab,
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger,
Miss Agnes Luckenbach,
Leslie Ruth,
Philip Thomas,
R. Fred Mease.

Emergency Choir.

Mrs. F. E. Lennox, Leader.
Dr. A. G. Rau, Musical Director.
Mrs. F. W. Detterer.
Mrs. John Leibert.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Miss Susie Jacobson.
Mrs. A. D. Thaeler.
Miss Bertha Tallon.
Mrs. S. D. Luckenbach.
Mrs. Fred J. Rice.

13 persons.

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Singers, West Side Chapel.

Soprano.

Miss Geneva Morgan, 1908.
Miss Henrietta Bodder, 1911.
Miss Daisy Leidich, 1911.
Miss Frances Biehn, 1912.
Miss Louisa Bischoff, 1912.

Alto.

Miss Josephine Herman, 1909.
Miss Hazel Hutchinson, 1912.

Tenor.

John L. Schupp, 1911.
Roland Koch, 1912.
Reinhold Henkleman, 1912.

Bass.

Clarence Romig, 1912.
Edgar Clewell, 1912.
Addison Meinecke, 1912.
13 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Soprano.

Miss Helen Halteman, 1908.
Miss Florence Mack, 1908.
Miss Edna Wiener, 1912.

Alto.

Miss Dorothy Mack, 1908.
Miss Beulah Schweitzer, 1908.
Miss Helen Schneller, 1908.

Tenor.

J. Seward Titlow, 1911.
Merritt Michael, 1911.

Bass

Walter Titlow, 1911.
Clayton Bernhardt, 1911.
10 persons.

Janitors.

James Orner, 1910, Church, Old Chapel, and Sunday School Chapel.
Lewis P. Horlacher, 1912, Parochial School.
Mrs. James Orner, 1910, Lovefeast Helper.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1897, Laurel Street Chapel.
5 persons.

Sexton of Cemeteries.

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.

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IX. The Necrology.

The following register covers the year, December 1, 1911, to November 30, 1912, the period which is dealt with by the entire Report, with the exception of the register of officers.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
(The Rev.) H. A. Jacobson	November 12, 1844	November 25, 1911
Herbert William Wolle	September 2, 1848	December 4, 1911
Paul George Repscher	June 10, 1911	December 15, 1911
Abraham R. Benner	February 11, 1829	December 22, 1911
Karl Samuel Richter	August 8, 1911	December 22, 1911
Mary Hunsicker	September 17, 1830	December 24, 1911
Christian Frederick Oestereicher	August 26, 1836	December 30, 1911
Cloyd Sensenbach	August 28, 1847	January 2, 1912
(The Rev.) Samuel Stotz Warner	June 21, 1832	January 2, 1912
Albert Theodore Doster	March 25, 1835	January 14, 1912
Caroline Elizabeth Schnabel	October 9, 1827	February 1, 1912
John C. Schropp	August 28, 1836	February 4, 1912
Henry Philip Hammann	March 12, 1899	February 20, 1912
Truman Roy Quier	June 17, 1891	March 7, 1912
Annie E. Landis	April 16, 1856	April 1, 1912
Helen Irene Daniel	June 23, 1886	April 16, 1912
Harrison Julius Richter	October 20, 1888	April 17, 1912
Jacob Theodore Albright	May 3, 1836	April 25, 1912
Robert Cunningham Morris	March 20, 1912	May 9, 1912
Emily Elizabeth Krause	April 27, 1861	June 27, 1912
Amelia Lucinda Boehler	December 17, 1833	July 13, 1912
Joseph Edward Evans	April 17, 1860	July 31, 1912
Frances Cornelia Krause	February 22, 1851	August 11, 1912
Elizabeth Frances Prince	December 24, 1845	August 14, 1912
Nita Moore Kildare	November 12, 1895	September 21, 1912
William King	January 7, 1845	September 27, 1912
Mary Henrietta Malloy	January 14, 1841	October 3, 1912
Charles Henry Neisser	June 28, 1853	November 16, 1912
Frank Yellis	February 17, 1857	November 26, 1912

Of these four were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of eight persons who were not members of the congregation.

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Preface.

This, the One Hundred and Seventy-second Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa., is placed in the hands of all the membership, in the hope that it may be a valuable review of the activities of the year that is past, and a stimulus for the work that is ahead.

It should be preserved, in order that reference may from time to time be made to the leadership of the various agencies which are at work in the congregation. Great care has been taken in the compilation, but, as mistakes may easily creep into long lists especially, indulgence is asked for any errors. If pointed out, they may be corrected in next year's publication.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1913.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—Manuel E. Kemper, 1905; William H. Fluck, 1911.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio and Secretary;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* William S. Hermany, ('12-'15); G. Frederick Krause, ('12-'15); Emil J. Bishop, ('13-'16); George W. Riegel, ('11-'14); Albert G. Rau, ('11-'14); James R. Schmid, ('13-'16).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('13-'16); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President*, ('12-'15); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('11-'14); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('11-'14); Harry J. Meyers, ('11-'14); William V. Knauss, ('12-'15); Allen J. Sterner, ('12-'15); William A. Steinmueller, ('13-'16); Augustus W. Schmich, ('13-'16).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('13-'16); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('11-'14); Abraham C. Prince, ('12-'15); Charles H. Riegel, ('12-'15); G. William Riegel, ('13-'16); Clayton C. Teter, ('11-'14).

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ALMONERS.—Matthew J. Schmid, *President*, ('13-'18); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary and Treasurer*, ('10-'15); Harry B. Eggert, ('09-'14); Frank V. Kleckner, ('11-'16); James T. Borhek, ('12-'17).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Frederick H. Wilhelm, Franklin H. Brunner, (all '13-'14).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('13-'14).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('13-'14).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8 and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7:30 P.M., Evening service.

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of old Clergy House near the Church.

Sunday: 10.30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Mid-week service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8:30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.

7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.

Friday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Junior C. E. Society.

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V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.

10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.

7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior C. E. Society.

Friday: 7:45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 1:45 P.M., The Central Sunday School.

6:30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior C. E. Society.

VII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M., for the children; 7:30 and 11:30 P.M., for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7:30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other secial services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

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I. The Public Means of Grace.

There has been no interruption of the means of grace during the year that is now closed. During the Summer, the time of vacations, some assistance has been asked and received from other ministerial brethren in town, but in general, under the present arrangements, all the places of worship are supplied by the pastors themselves.

Two things may be pointed out as innovations at West Side Chapel. First, anniversary occasions are now marked by celebrations of the Holy Communion in that Chapel also. This had been begun a year ago at Laurel Street, and both are in entire accord with the policy of allowing to the Chapels just that degree of internal development that they desire and for which they are ready. In the second place, when there are Communion services at the Central Church in the evening, necessitating the closing of the Chapels, there would ordinarily be no service at all at West Side. A morning service has therefore been introduced on those Sundays.

The Christian Endeavor meetings are the only mid-week services held at the Chapels, but on Wednesday evening, at the Old Chapel, a congregational service is held, which has now for months been carrying on a study of the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday, with good results. There is a freeness about this meeting which cannot be true of the Sunday services, and this is in itself a means of blessing.

II. Report of the Board of Elders.

For the first time this last December there was a report of the Board of Elders, among others, to the Congregation Council. This has already appeared in print, for presentation on that occasion, and therefore need not again be given in full. However, immediately following the matter of the preceding Section, it is certainly only right to embody in this Annual Statement certain parts of that Report:

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"For 26 years we have been carrying on the work of the congregation with no extension of the range of its influence. To be sure, we have developed as rapidly as possible the intensive work, both in the Church and at the Chapels, and the latter have attained to many of the features of actual local congregations. There are now many more services here than formerly, and their order is far less broken into. On certain occasions lovefeasts and celebrations of the Holy Communion are held at these outlying points. The Chapel Committees have been fully recognized as a part of the constituted machinery of the congregation. The Assistant Pastors have peculiar charge over these portions of the membership. Organizations have increased in number, and there is far more of a local interest, due in large part to the removal of any hindrance to the actual reception of new members at the Chapels themselves. For all this we thank God.

"BUT it is our conviction, that *with the present equipment, we have alout reached the limit of our growth as a congregation.*

"Distance is now playing a most important part in the affiliation of new members. Families who live twelve or more blocks from the nearest Moravian Sunday School naturally think twice before allowing their children to go to that Sunday School, and after second thinking send them to that Church which is nearest to them, and which has followed them up in their necessary movement toward outlying sections. And where the children go, there usually go also the parents, and there will they enter active membership.

"If we continue to do our work through the Church and the two Chapels, as we have them now, we may, by dint of unceasing effort, maintain what we hold at the present time, numerically, but we shall utterly fail, over against the community as such, in bringing it the Gospel as an earnest and aggressive Church should, and one that believes that the Lord is using it.

"But let us consider still another point. There is a not insignificant section of Bethlehem which is today altogether without any nearby house of worship or Sunday School. Edgeboro, on our northeastern side, has been growing up quietly, and if certain

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bridge propositions are carried through, which contemplate the development of East Bethlehem, we shall have a decided flow of population in that direction.

"Is the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem preparing to enter the door which is here opening most invitingly?

"The Board of Elders wishes to awaken the entire membership to the call which undoubtedly seems to have come to us.

"And further, we wish to express our conviction that we have in the past been at fault in waiting until some individual, or some group of individuals, has been wideawake enough to see the finger of God pointing to a new and important field, close at hand. When this individual, or these individuals, have entered that field, and struggled along for a while, the congregation has then taken up the work, and linked it in some sort of fashion with agencies already recognized.

"This is certainly one way of advancing, but it is slow, uncertain, and in the end very unsatisfactory. Whatever difficulties exist today in the amalgamation of our numerous activities into one co-operating body have nearly all arisen because of this characteristic of our congregational history.

"The proper way is that the congregation itself should look over the enlarging field, in the towns themselves, and in the vicinity, and then establish foundations on sites which promise enlarged activities later, and give the new centres a standing from the very first as a part of the Moravian congregation.

"To close, therefore, with definite statements:

"On the West Side we have a Chapel whose location, perfectly well chosen 30 years ago, is now exceedingly unfortunate, being off to one side, inconspicuous, and away from the homes of most of the people that it should be reaching.

"Laurel Street Chapel is doing excellent work where it is, but in the not distant future provision should be made for still more enlargement. We would also remind the congregation that here we have only a frame structure.

"And, finally, we should, at the very earliest opportunity, have another centre of Moravian work so located as to provide with

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Church and Sunday School privileges those people who are now settling in the northeastern portion of town, and be ready to meet those who come with the development on the east, welcoming them at once into the things for which we stand as a Church."

III. The Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

Another year has added its commendation of the system of pastoral oversight of the congregation. It would therefore seem necessary to mention only a single point which might be misunderstood by some. The several brethren exercise a more immediate pastoral care over certain portions of the towns. If for any reason whatever there is the desire on the part of any member of the congregation to be visited by a minister other than the one who has been looking after that section, a simple request will at once be heeded. But it must be obvious to all that no one pastor can be expected to visit *all* the congregation,—else there would be little use in having three brethren instead of one.

Official duties, which consume time, are often heavy, and therefore once more the request is made that any one who may feel the desire or the need for a personal visit from any one of the pastors shall, in the spirit of Christian co-operation, let the pastor know of the desire. There will be prompt recognition of it.

IV. The Schools of the Congregation.

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Since Section II, presenting the report of the Board of Elders to the annual Church Council, so fully deals with the Sunday School situation, nothing more needs to be said at this point, except to present the combined statistics of the three schools which are at present within the boundaries of the congregation.

Scholars, male, 414; female, 493; total, 907. Officers and teachers, male, 48; female, 50; total, 98. Total membership, 1005. Average attendance, 685.

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On the cradle roll there are 55 names. In the Home Department, 236.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

If we refer only to the statistical report of this school, we are again likely to be disappointed, for the old story must again be told. The enrollment has fallen once more. There was a time when "Central" was the crowded School. But now more and more the homes of the children are at a distance which is prohibitive, and other opportunities must be afforded them for attending Sunday School, or they will be lost to the Church.

But, irrespective of numbers, we can report excellent work done in all the sessions. The corps of teachers may be considered one of the best that has been at work in all the recent years. The attendance has been more steady, except in the Summer, when naturally so many are away from town. And the musical development in the School is remarkable.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 152; female, 203; total, 355. Teachers and officers, male, 16; female, 20; total, 36. Total enrollment, male, 168; female, 223; grand total, 391.

Average attendance, 254. Home department visitors, 10; members, 110; total, 120.

Cradle roll, 24.

Collections in the School itself during the year, $534.22; through the Hope Department, $117.00.

Donations amounted to $920.01. Expenses, $268.75.

B.—WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The West Side Sunday School has enjoyed a quiet, but successful year. The decrease in enrollment is due largely to a healthy method of book-keeping. Many new names have been added, where others have fallen away. An encouraging feature this year is the increase in the regular attendance. The Summer reports were unusually good. There were very few "low" Sundays. The "high" days were more numerous this year than last, but on no one of them was the attendance quite equal to the

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highest mark of last year. The average, 200, is good, for an enrollment of 254. At the Christmas exercises 19 gifts were presented for perfect attendance. If sickness, or attendance at another School, had been acceptable excuses for absence, the roll of these honored ones would have been much larger.

The officers and teachers are exceptionally faithful and enthusiastic in their work. They are anxious to see the Sunday School keep pace with the development of the West Side. If present indications are to be trusted, it will do so.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 99; female, 122; total, 221. Teachers and officers, male, 16; female, 17; total, 33. Total enrollment, male, 115; female, 139. Grand total, 254.

Home Department, visitors, 10; members, 73; total, 83.

Cradle roll, 13.

Average attendance in the school proper, 200.

The expenses for the year amounted to $225.92; donations to $251.39.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This is the one School of our three which has numerically increased; but the increase is again taxing to the utmost the capacity of even the enlarged Chapel. As the northern part of Bethlehem grows, the attendance at Sunday School should also expand, and we rejoice that we are getting our full share of it, as the statistical report will show.

There is also a degree of enthusiasm about the work which is very refreshing, and the ready co-operation of all the officers and teachers makes it possible to keep everything going without undue strain upon any one.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 163; female, 168; total, 331. Teachers and officers, male, 16; female, 13; total, 29. Total enrollment, male, 179; female, 181; grand total, 360.

Cradle roll, 18.

Home Department, 33.

Donations were made, amounting to $202.00. The expenses were $222.18.

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II.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

From the beginning this School has taken a large place among the agencies that have contributed to the strength of the congregation. There have, naturally, been times of depression, when contraction was experienced in the number of pupils. But then again there have been revivals of interest, resulting in expansion. The latter has, we are happy to state, been the case during the year now past. Last June Mr. Charles H. Rominger succeeded Prof. E. C. Roest as Superintendent, but the valuable services of Prof. Roest were retained in connection with the higher classes in the languages. With a somewhat smaller number of teachers, there has been a maintenance of the standard of work. This has been possible because of the readiness of each member of the faculty to assume additional hours of duty, and a most cordial spirit of co-operation.

For the second time, this year again all our teachers attended the County Teachers' Institute, at Easton. The week occupied by the Institute was not subtracted from the time of instruction, for the Fall term began somewhat earlier.

The attendance at present shows a net gain over last year of 21%, or 39 pupils. The gross gain has been 29.4%, or 50 pupils. The total attendance is 220, 45% being male, and 55% female. Moravian, 60%, 40% non-Moravian.

In the Sub-Primary grade there are 20 scholars; in the Primary, 55; in the Intermediate, 66; in the Academic, 79. Of the 220 in the school, 99 are boys, and 121 girls.

The student-organizations are in a healthy condition. Carefully supervised, as they are, these afford excellent opportunity for the cultivation of self-discipline and leadership within the school itself.

Six scholarships, offered by interested Alumni, have this year made it possible to offer the advantage of the school to Moravian boys who would not otherwise have been able to enjoy them. The prospects for the year ahead are excellent.

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Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending November 30, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 370 26	
Tuition	3511 70	
Miscellaneous	16 00	
Gymnasium	209 46	
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	5550 00	
		$9657 42

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 405 82	
Miscellaneous Expenses	514 62	
Chemical Laboratory	5 10	
Gymnasium	58 18	
Books and Stationery	205 53	
Manual Training	122 01	
Salaries	8237 00	
Balance in Bank, November 30	109 16	
		$9657 42

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, Treasurer.

V. The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year four meetings were held.

The address at the anniversary service on Whit-Sunday evening was given by the Rev. James Robinson, of the Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.

The receipts, including the balance on hand, were $594.90. This also included the bequest of $100.00, from the late Mrs. Lucy A. Rau.

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Donations were made to the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem; Elim, South Africa; the General Mission Fund; and the new Mission House at Herrnhut. They amounted to $300.00.

Twenty-one new members were added to the Society, and there were eleven deaths. The membership is now 385.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice-President, Mrs. James T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Collectors, Mrs. Mary Hartmann, Mrs. H. A. Krause, Mrs. J. M. Yeakel, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. Fred. Schwarze, Mrs. Charles Clewell, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. Al. J. Sterner, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Wm. Hartman, Miss Georgiana Bishop.

2.—*The Young Men's Missionary Society.*

Organized September 7, 1840.

The work done during the past year has been quiet, but steady. Contributions have been made to other missionary causes, but the special work of the Society has continued to be the support of the Superintendent of the Mission in Nicaragua, Bro. Theodore Reinke.

At the anniversary meeting in January, the address was delivered by the Rev. W. E. Brooks, of the Presbyterian Church, Allentown. Meetings have been held monthly at the rooms of the Society, on Main Street.

There are now 366 members of the Society, of which 224 are active, 93 life, and 49 associate.

Donations have been made to Alaska, South Africa, the Mission Library, for a Neostyle for the Nicaraguan Mission, and for the support of Bro. Reinke, amounting to $1161.76.

Officers: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice-President, Edw. J. Krause; Secretary, Fred. B. Hartman; Treasurer, G. Fred. Krause; other members of the Executive Committee, F. I. Klinker, H. J. Meyers, H. A. Krause.

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3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

All members of this Society contribute five cents a month toward the General Foreign Mission Treasury. There has been a slight increase of membership this year. It now stands at 201, of which 14 are male members, and 187 female. During the year it was decided to establish life membership, upon the payment of $10.00.

The contributions to the work of foreign missions amounted to $111.00.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss Georgie Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause.

Collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Mrs. Sumter Forney, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Mrs. Edward Shorkey, Miss Anita Bailey, Miss Mary Krause, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Marguerite Eberman, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Nina Krause, Miss Dorothea de Schweinitz, Miss Louise Thaeler.

4.—Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

The Missionary Society of the Parochial School is intended to interest the pupils of the school in Christian Missions, and instruct them in the art of systematic giving. The Society has its own officers, conducts its own elections and business meetings, and arranges for an occasional chapel service, with a speaker and special music.

It collects small sums every month from the pupils of the school, all of whom are members of the Society, for causes which are suggested and decided upon in its business meetings. Now and then letters of thanks come from the distant mission fields, containing interesting information. And frequently missionaries passing through Bethlehem speak to the Society. The records are an interesting story of a very helpful experiment in the proper kind of training in mission-information and mission-giving. Membership, 222.

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President, Dorothea DeLong; Vice-President, Carolyn Otis; Secretary, Katharine Ross; Treasurer, John Wilbur.

5.—*The Home Mission Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; organized August 28, 1849; incorporated January 16, 1865.

At four meetings of the Board of Directors during the year the necessary business of the Society was transacted. At the Annual Meeting, on Sunday evening, May 11, the election of officers took place, and reports were rendered. A week later, Sunday evening, May 18, the Rev. Paul de Schweinitz delivered the anniversary address.

The Society is actually the congregation itself, which in this way distributes its monthly and special offerings for Home Missions.

The financial statement shows the following:

From monthly collections, in the Church and Chapels, the treasury received $819.40. Anniversary collection, $64.02. House-to-house collection in May, $385.80. Collection for District Extension, $60.55. General Synodical collection, $255.53. Interest from investments, $464.50. Total receipts, $2049.80.

Stipends were paid to four home missionaries, amounting to $700.00. The congregation's quota for the General Home Mission Board was $750.00. And that for the District Board, $195.00. Expenses amounted to $10.52. Total, $1655.52.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President, the Rev. M. E. Kemper; Recording Secretary, Augustus H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, Henry A. Krause.

Other Directors: O. A. Clewell, F. H. Wilhelm, H. B. Eggert, the Rev. F. E. Lennox, Cornelius J. Gapp, Frank V. Kleckner.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; organized November 28, 1889.

From the beginning of the work of the Moravian Church in Alaska the Bethlehem congregation has maintained its support of

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the work, in accordance with a promise then made, and once a year a house-to-house canvass is made, in order to gather the special gifts of the membership for this cause. This is always done during the month of October.

This is therefore, like the Home Missionary Society, not a Society *within* the congregation, but the congregation itself.

Officers were elected and reports given at the annual meeting on Sunday evening, March 2.

The October canvass brought in $476.25, and the collection on New Year's Eve (1912) amounted to $65.94. The expenses of the year were $14.94.

Officers: President, Henry A. Krause; Vice-President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, Theodore Kampmann.

Directors: The Pastors, *ex officio;* F. I. Klinker, C. H. Wenhold, Mrs. A. J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, Miss Irene Ross, O. A. Clewell, Mrs. Jos. H. Traeger, Mrs. C. W. Clewell.

Other Collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Sarah Spinner, Miss Helen Schneller, Mrs. A. P. Betge, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Bertha Tallon, Miss Helen Halteman, Miss Carrie Clewell, Miss Pauline Detterer, Mrs. Frank V. Kleckner, Mrs. Ferdinand Yost.

7.—The West Side Missionary Forward Movement.

Inaugurated in 1904.

The sum of $170.00 was raised as a contribution toward the salary of Bro. Augustus Seibt, a missionary in German East Africa. However, the number of contributors to this cause is small, and while the amount of offerings for missionary causes from the members of the congregation, or from the various organizations, has not diminished, very little of it has gone through this channel.

The annual missionary lovefeast was held in November, the speaker being the Rev. H. E. Stocker, of the South Bethlehem congregation.

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Officers: President, the Rev. W. H. Fluck; Secretary, William A. Steinmueller; Treasurer, Emil J. Bishop.

B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

There are in this Society 36 active members, and 13 honorary. The support of Home Missions is the object of the organization. The ladies feel encouraged in their work by the amount that they were able to donate, for this was $425.00, besides a surplice, valued at $4.79.

They will be glad to have more members of the congregation join them in their work, so that still larger success can be attained.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice-President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp.

2.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

The membership numbers 19 active, and 14 honorary, and all are zealous in their organized support of the Theological Seminary.

That institution received $325.00 during the year as the contribution of the Circle.

Leader: Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

This organization annually holds a fair and entertainment, for which preparation has been carefully made during the rest of the year. It took place this year on October 26, in the Sunday School Building and in the Moravian Seminary Chapel, realizing $406.97. From this sum various contributions were made to Church causes

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Twenty home missionaries' wives also received a ten dollar Christmas remembrance from the Society.

After the disastrous burning of Comenius Hall, the entertainment was repeated for the benefit of the College Student Fund, at which $310.00 was cleared, and purchases were made by the Society of articles necessary for the refurnishing of the domestic equipment of the institution. There are 24 active members, and 25 honorary.

Officers: President, Mrs. William Esty; Vice-President, Miss Bertha Hark; Secretary, Mrs. Benjamin I. Drake; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert S. Taylor.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized October, 1893.

This year the Society has an active membership of 20, with one honorary member.

A large box of household supplies and clothing was sent to a home missionary, including a check. The total value of the gift was $400.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward Jacobson; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna M. Pownall.

5.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel has continued its activities through all the year, with the exception of the warmer months, as heretofore. The last meeting for the Summer was held on May 14, and took the form of a reception. Meetings were resumed on October 15. In all, the Society met 21 times, once every two weeks, with occasional special meetings. The regular meeting place is the Chapel, where work is done in preparation for the Annual Sale in each February. From time to time meetings are also held at the homes of the members, where they are of a more social nature than when held at the Chapel.

Donations to local causes, and expenses, amounted to $44.85. The year closed with a balance of $114.88.

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The membership of the Society has been considerably augmented. There are now 22 members, as over against 12 of a year ago.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; Vice-President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Fluck; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner.

6.—*The Ladies' Aid Society of the Laurel Street Chapel.*

Organized October, 1903.

This Society continues to do good work for the furtherance of the interests of the Chapel. It meets each Wednesday afternoon for work, and once a month for business and a social hour.

During the year an orange social was held, and an oyster supper given, which netted the Society a neat sum. The membership numbers 23.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice-President, Miss Emma Heine; Secretary, Mrs. Adam Meyer; Treasurer, Mrs. William Desh.

The Society donated to the Chapel work during the year, $17.73. Also $50.00 to the Building Fund of the Moravian College, as well as several quilts.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. First Circles formed in 1887.

There are still 25 Circles in the Union, with a membership of 393.

In addition to the general work of the Union, that of supporting the "King's Daughters' Nurse," many other lines of Christian service has been followed: assisting the sick and needy; replenishing the supply closet; aiding the Charity Organization and Children's Home; making contributions to the Moravian College, and to the Margaret Bottome Memorial Fund; decorating the Church on festival occasions, etc. At the annual bandage-rolling, during March, 584 bandages were rolled, and forwarded to the leper hospital in Surinam. At the same time a contribution of $30 was sent to the Leper Hospital at Jerusalem.

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The expenditures of the Union as such were: for the support of the nurse, $513.37. Other expenses, $67.55.

Through individual Circles there have been reported gifts to various causes amounting to $384.51.

It has been deemed advisable again to print the list of Circles in the Union, with their leaders and date of organization.

Name of Circle.	Leader.	Date of Organization.
Helpers,	Mrs. O. de Schweinitz,	1887
Watchful,	Mrs. E. A. Rau,	1887
Whatsoever,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1887
Lend A Hand,	Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz,	1889
Benigna,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1892
Opportunity,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1894
Bethany,	Mrs. E. C. Roest,	1894
Loyal,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1894
Anna Nitschmann,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1894
Clover Leaf,	Miss E. R. Luckenbach,	1894
Steadfast,	Mrs. C. L. Moench,	1895
Forget-me-not,	Mrs. F. W. Detterer,	1897
Thoughtful,	Mrs. E. J. Bishop,	1897
Golden Rule,	Mrs. H. A. Jacobson,	1898
Cup of Loving Service,	Miss Helen de Schweinitz,	1898
Dorcas,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1899
Faithful Workers,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck,	1901
Ever Willing,	Mrs. W. H Fluck,	1902
His Own,	Mrs. W. N. Schwarze,	1902
The Nearest Duty,	Mrs. M. E. Kemper,	1906
Always Ready,	Mrs. F. B. Hartman,	1909
Burden Bearers,	Miss Mary G. Smith,	1909
Unto Me,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1910
The King's Jewels,	Miss Ottilie Heine,	1913
*Inasmuch,	Mrs. Harry L. Fisher,	1913

*NOTE.—Organized in December, after the close of the report.

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Since there has also been a revision of the regulations governing the services of the nurse, they are also here printed:

1. Members of the Congregation or Union, if unable to pay anything, are served gratuitously.

2. Members of the Congregation or Union, if able to make partial payment, but quite unable to employ a trained nurse at the customary rate, are served at $1.00 a day, or 10 cents an hour. A smaller amount will be accepted from those who are regarded as gratuitous patients but desire to pay something.

3. Members of the Congregation or Union who are able to pay more than this fixed rate are at liberty to voluntarily determine the additional contribution that they will make toward maintaining the work.

4. Persons who are not members of the Congregation or Union, and are not able to pay anything, may, at the discretion of the Committee in charge, or of the Board, be accommodated in exceptional cases, if the nurse is at leisure. If they are members of another Church, provision must be made to pay the rate of $1.00 a day, or 10 cents an hour, for them.

5. Persons who are not members of the Congregation or Union, and are able to pay for a nurse, may be accommodated in quite exceptional emergencies on the terms demanded by other trained nurses, if the nurse is at leisure, and the cases are such that the Committee in charge, or the Board, and the nurse herself, are willing to serve them for a short time.

6. The Board reserves the privilege of making exceptions to these regulations when peculiar circumstances render it desirable.

7. All applications for the services of the nurse must be made to the Nurse Committee, composed of the Pastors' wives.

Rules governing the rental of wheeling chairs:

The rate of payment shall be $2.00 a month for those outside the Church or Union; and the nominal sum of 50 cents a month for members of the Church and Union, should they desire to make some payment for the same.

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Ten cents per half day for members of the Church or Union.

Twenty-five cents per half day for non-members of the Church or Union.

D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

The Union embraces the Central, Laurel Street, West Side and South Side Societies, and the membership is approximately 115. The Executive Committee consists of the Presidents of the component Societies, together with one additional member.

The Union has had quite a successful year. The quarterly meetings have been regularly held, and also the business meetings.

In August the Union entertained the Convention of the Union of the First District, delegates, pastors and pastors' wives being entertained in accordance with the custom. The members of the congregation responded very generously with the support asked for, so that all the arrangements for meals, etc., could be carried through.

The meetings of the Convention were stimulating and helpful. The expense of entertaining it was $54.59.

Officers: President, Miss Della V. Preisch; Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Daisy Stocker; Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Miss Josephine Herman.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

This Society is composed of a very loyal band of young people, some of them having held their membership for several years, and others having more recently become active in this organization. The attendance has been very uniform. The members can be depended on to be present at the meetings. During the mid-Summer months, however, the meetings were suspended, as has been regularly done in past years. The aims of the Society have been two-fold: first, that of devotion, worship, in the meetings;

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second, aiding in the furtherance of the Gospel by contributing, from the weekly offerings, to the support of Missionary Weinland.

There are 25 members of the Society.

Officers: President, Miss Ella Schupp; Vice-President, Miss Geneva Morgan; Recording Secretary, Warren Spatzier; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mae Schupp; Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutchinson; Pianist, Miss Josephine Herman.

2.—*West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

With 5 more members than we reported last year, we now have 23 girls and 7 boys, a total of 30. The average attendance has been 16, the highest 22, and the lowest 9, the latter being caused by heavy rain. In all the meetings the children take part regularly, lead their own services, and preside at the piano. No meetings were held during the Summer. The closing meeting was on June 6, and the reopening on October 6. The closing exercise, before the Summer, proved very successful.

The receipts of the year were $13.69, and the donations and expenses, $6.65.

Officers: President, Madge Bader; Vice-President, Margaret Frey; Secretary, Martha Luckenbach; Treasurer, Harold Kindig; Pianist, Ruth Kleckner; Assistant Pianist, Margaret Fisher.

Leaders, in charge: Mrs. W. H. Fluck, and Mr. J. G. Brunner.

3.—*Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

There are at present 42 young people connected with the membership of the Society, 24 young women, and 18 young men.

During the year the Society contributed $65.00 toward the support of Bro. William Weinland, the missionary representative of the District Union; $50.00 for the support of a native evangelist in Nicaragua. For incidental expenses $41.00 was raised, including the Society's share of the cost of entertaining the District Convention.

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Officers: President, C. Conrad Shimer; Vice-President, Miss Helen Yost; Secretary, Miss Nola Van Horne; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith Ross; Treasurer, Carl Pharo; Assistant Treasurer, Claude Fegley.

4.—Central Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized April 7, 1892.

The meetings were regularly held during the Spring. But with the leaving of the Superintendent, Miss Susie Jacobson, at her marriage, there was a temporary discontinuance. During the Fall it was not found practicable to reorganize, but with the new year 1914 the work has been resumed, with remarkable vigor.

Officers: Superintendent, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Assistants, Miss Georgie Bishop and Paul Allen.

5.—Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized September 27, 1892.

Meetings were regularly held, on each Friday evening, and were well attended. An increase both in membership and in the interest manifest in the meetings can be reported. While only 20 names are actually on the roll, quite a number of other young people are faithful attendants at the meetings.

Expenses during the year amounted to $12.00. Amount donated to missions, $8.30.

Officers: President, Sidney Johnson; Vice-President, Miss Florence Mack; Recording Secretary, Miss Daisy Nonnemacher; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Helen Halteman; Treasurer, Clayton Bernhardt.

6.—Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 21, 1894.

As usual, during July and August no meetings of this Society were held. September not only brought the former members back but almost doubled the number of the former year. There are

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now 102 on the roll, 35 male and 67 female. This large increase brought back to the Society the banner awarded by the District Union to the Society showing the largest increase. The attendance at the meetings, held every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, is very good, from 75 to 100 being present.

The expenses for the year amounted to $11.08. A contribution of $11.05 was also made toward the support of Bro. Weinland.

The associated Superintendents are: Miss Laura Kemper, Miss Esther Riegel, and Christian Weber.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

The work of the League has been steadily continued during the year. The use of the Parochial School gymnasium, three nights in the week, has again been granted to the League. The advantages thus conferred are appreciated, both for basket-ball and other athletic exercises. The basket-ball team this Winter is the strongest gathered for a number of years, and expects to make a good record. A strong schedule has been arranged with teams of neighboring towns. No base-ball team was organized, however, during the Summer, for lack of a field on which to practice. During these months, therefore, the members of the League follow their own varying tastes, athletically, canoeing, camping, etc.

The age limit has been placed at 18 years, and there is a welcome waiting for any other young men who desire to join. The present membership is about 20.

Officers: President, Frank Gapp; First Vice-President, William Rice; Second Vice-President, Frank Weaver; Secretary, William Miller; Treasurer, Fred. T. Beckel.

2.—The Trombone Choir.

As the years pass, it seems as if the interest in this musical organization only increases. There have been 133 occasions during the year at which the choir has been called into service. Of

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these 60 were in connection with festivals of the Church Year; 34 deaths were announced, and 39 funerals have been attended.

One member died during the year, Paul Kleckner. One new member was added.

There are 19 members of the organization.

The participation of the Choir in the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve exercises in Independence Square, Philadelphia, brought it into considerable prominence in the public eye.

Leader, Augustus H. Leibert.

3.—Laurel Street Ushers' Association.

Organized October 1, 1906.

Besides faithfully doing the regular work of ushering, at all regular and special occasions, at the Chapel, the Association donated to the Chapel two extra collection plates, a number of Passion Week Manuals, and eight lovefeast baskets. A sum of money was also contributed to the Building Fund of the Moravian College.

There are 13 active members in the organization.

Officers: President, J. Seward Titlow; Vice-President, Joseph H. Heller; Secretary, Clayton Bernhardt; Treasurer, Edgar A. More; Fifth Member of the Executive Committee, Clarence Reichel.

4.—The Emergency Choir.

There are ten members at present, but all have been most ready to respond to every call for the kindly service to render which they are banded together. There were 24 calls during the year. Dr. A. G. Rau has kindly continued to conduct the monthly rehearsals.

Leader: Mrs. F. E. Lennox.

5.—The Moravian College Guild.

Organized January 24, 1910.

The Guild has continued its work of supplying the Moravian College and Theological Seminary with articles necessary for

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domestic purposes, also having the dining room and pantry papered and painted, and a new floor covering and electric lights put in. The donations therefor amounted to $339.59.

There are 19 members, including the officers.

Officers: President, Mrs. Abraham S. Schropp; Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. Borhek; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Pownall.

6.—The Laurel Band, of Laurel Street Chapel.

This organization meets twice a month for business and a social hour. Its main object is to decorate the Chapel for all services The flowers that are thus furnished are then taken to some one who is sick or shut in. A successful ice cream festival was held, netting a neat sum, which, together with the monthly dues, enabled the Band to purchase flowers when none were to be secured otherwise.

Expenses amounted to $48.60. A contribution of $10.00 was also made to the Building Fund of the Moravian College.

Leader, Mrs. William Halteman; President, Miss Bertha Young; Vice-President, Mrs. Archie Ache; Secretary, Mrs. Austin Krueger; Treasurer, Miss Helen Halteman.

VI. General Financial Statistics.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1912, to November 30, 1913, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregation work.

Appropriated to the use of the congregation in all ways	$30,181 42
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	34,254 96
Total	$64,436 38

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2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees for the year ending November 30, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income from "Real, Personal, and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$19,454 32	
From Land Rents	469 90	
From House Rents	1,604 75	
		$21,528 97
Contribution of Members		4,424 00
Total Receipts		$25,952 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 1,103 78	
Repairs to Productive Property	546 20	
General Expenses	1,733 69	
		$ 3,383 67
Donation		550 00
Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$ 5,561 67	
Furniture and Repairs	874 02	
		$ 6,435 69
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,000 00	
Archives Expenses	154 50	
Synodal Expenses	145 10	
Repairs to Church Buildings, General	1,151 09	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	675 00	
Parsonage Expenses	762 57	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	10,559 16	
		$14,447 42
Total Disbursements		$24,816 78
Excess of Receipts		1,136 19
		$25,952 97

J. S. KRAUSE, *Treasurer.*

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3. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 442 83	
Interest, Legacies, etc.	1,086 75	
Church Collection	83 59	
		$ 1,613 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations	$ 507 50	
Expenses	5 29	
Balance, November 30, 1913	1,100 38	
		$ 1,613 17

HERMAN A. DOSTER, *Treasurer.*

4. Contributions of the Congregation towards the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants from funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $202.03; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Individuals, $1.43)	$ 288 46
Bohemian Mission, (Colections, $179.81; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Individuals, $173.11)	437 92
Foreign Missions, in general, (Collections, $310.24; Sunday Schools, $100.00; Societies, $215.50; Individuals, $41.64)	667 38
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $655.92; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Societies, $100.00; Individuals, $87.28)	928 20
Foreign Missions, special objects, (Collections. $469.01; Sunday Schools, $389.65; Societies, $1545.21; Individuals, $1,007.57)	3,411 44
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $750.00; Sunday Schools, $90.00; Societies, $55.50)	895.50
Home Missions, District Board of Church Extension, (Collection, $119.40; Societies, $75.60)	195 00

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Home Missions, secial objects, (Collections, $255.53; Sunday Schools, $10.00; Societies, $1,508.80; Individuals, $306.50)	2,080 83
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $316.01; Sunday Schools, $175.00; Societies, $1,223.84; Individuals, $4,652.18)	6,367 03
Increase of Sustentation Fund, (Individual, $18,000.00)	18,000 00
All other causes, (Societies, $5.00)	5 00
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church	$33,276 76
General Christian objects, (Collections, $258.52; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Societies, $84.68)	428 20
Congregation purposes, (not including $2,960.96 non-Moravian Parochial School dues and Gymnasium receipts) but collections, Church-dues, special efforts, and internal beneficence	$ 6,948 48
Grand Total of contributions of the congregation	$40,653 44

5. Contributions of the Congregation, from all sources, to objects outside its work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 550 00
Contributed through various congregation channels	33,704 96
Total	$34,254 96

6. Total money distributed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1913, exclusive of the Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts.

Appropriation from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the Congregation	$20,392 78
Appropriated from income of Almoners	429 20
Parochial School-dues, Gymnasium receipts, non-Moravian	2,960 96
Contributed through various congregation channels	40,653 44
Grand total from income and contributions	$64,436 38

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VII. The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1913.

CHURCH MEMBERS	Totals on Nov. 30, 1912	INCREASE DURING 1913						DECREASE DURING 1913				Totals on Nov. 30, 1913
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received			Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Dropped	
			Moravians	Non-Moravians	Moravian	Non-Moravians	Re-Admitted					
A.—Communicants, viz:												
Males	692	2	17	14		20		14		10	5	716
Females	960		16	19		24		21		9	2	987
B.—Non-Communicants over 13 years, viz:		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Males	63	13			3				17			62
Females	65	9			9				16	5	2	62
C.—Children, viz:		Baptized			Received			Died	Transferred to Non Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Boys under 13 years	173	13			3			1	13	9	6	160
Girls under 13 years	130	15			2			1	9	2	2	133
Grand Total	2003											2120

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		*Non-Resident*		*Souls*		
	Males	*Females*	*Males*	*Females*	*Resident*	*Non-Resid't*	*Total*
Married Couples	358	358	18	18	716	36	752
Married Men	64		17		64	17	81
Married Women		109		39	109	39	148
Widowers	32		4		32	4	36
Widows		137		9	137	9	146
Single Men	184		18		184	18	202
Single Women		268		13	268	13	181
Older Boys	21				21		21
Older Girls		36			36		36
Total Communicants	659	908	57	59	1567	136	1703

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	659	908	1567
Non-Resident Communicants	57	79	136
Total Communicants	716	987	1703
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	19		19
Single Women		15	15
Older Boys	43		43
Older Girls		47	47
Total Non-Communicants	62	62	124
CHILDREN.			
Resident	142	122	264
Non-Resident	18	11	29
Total Children	160	133	293
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	863	1092	1955
Non-Resident	75	90	165
Grand Total	838	1182	2120

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males	*Females*	*Total*
Married People	457	524	981
Widowers	36		36
Widows		146	146
Single Men	202		202
Single Women		296	296
Older Boys	64		64
Older Girls		83	83
Children	160	133	293
Grand Total Membership	938	1182	2120

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VIII. A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation, at the End of the Year 1913.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-36.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.

3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Harry J. Meyers, 1905.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.

2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
George W. Riegel, 1902.
William S. Hermany, 1903.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03-'07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
James R. Schmid, 1913.

9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76-'89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82-'87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
William A. Steinmueller, 1913.
Augustus W. Schmich, 1913.

9 persons.

The School Board.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
Clayton C. Teter, 1911.
Charles H. Riegel, 1912.

9 persons.

The Almoners

Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1911.
James T. Borhek, 1911.

5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.

3 persons.

Persons in attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904.
Secretary, 1907.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frank S. Schwab, Jr., 1911.
John E. Leibfried, 1913.
Mrs. Cornelia M. Traeger, 1890.
Head Female Sacristan, 1912, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, 1912.
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. William M. Constable, 1899.

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Mrs. Frank H. Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
24 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel.

Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
George W. Grube, 1910.
7 persons.

Sacristans, West Side Chapel.

William M. Constable,
Vice Head Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Charles Hackman, 1912.
James Hutchinson, 1912.
Morris Kindig, 1912.
Samuel Mack, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Mrs. Harry Fisher, 1912.
Mrs. Charles Hafleigh, 1912.
Mrs. Morris Kindig, 1912.
Mrs. James F. Maynes, 1912.
Mrs. Peter J. Remely, 1912.
12 persons.

Sacristans, Laurel Street Chapel.

Henry B. Schneller,
Vice Head Sacristan for the Laurel Street Chapel, 1913.
Mrs. Henry B. Schneller,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the Laurel Street Chapel.
2 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Nicholas Schwab, 1896,
Chairman, 1910.
Alfred C. Betge,
Vice Chairman, 1910.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
Jesse M. Bodder, 1912.
Ray Wilhelm, 1912.
Robt. E. de Schweinitz, 1895.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Elmer E. Ruth, 1906.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Charles H. Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
John Heine, 1910.
Richard Cunningham, 1910.
Arthur W. Kluge, 1912.
22 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

J. Seward Titlow, 1909,
President, 1912.
Joseph H. Heller, 1908,
Vice-President.
Clayton W. Bernhardt, 1912,
Secretary.
Edgar A. More, 1907, Treasurer.
Clarence H. Reichel, 1906.
Glenmore D. Mease, 1906.
R. Fred Mease, 1907.
John R. Heine, 1907.
Arthur G. Hewett, 1906.
Walter S. Titlow, 1909.
Truman Matz, 1909.
Robert P. More, 1909.
Granville Schupp, 1911.
Frank Weaver, 1912.
Warren Nonnemacher, 1912.
Adam Meyer, 1912.
Elmer E. Remaley, 1912.
17 persons.

The Laurel Street Chapel Committee.

Elmer Remaley, 1912-'15, Chairman.
Sidney Johnson, 1913-'16,
Vice-Chairman.
Frank Ricksecker, 1911-'14,
Secretary.
Adam Meyer, 1911-'14.
Thomas Fachsbinner, 1912-'15.
Victor More, 1913-'16.
The Rev. M. E. Kemper, ex-officio.
7 persons.
James M. Yeakel, Treasurer.

The West Side Chapel Committee.

James Hutchinson, 1911-'14,
Chairman.
A. W. Schmich, 1913-'16, Secretary.
C. C. Meixell, 1912-'15, Treasurer.
William Constable, 1912-'15.
George R. Breder, 1912-'14.
Wallace F. Bobst, 1913-'16.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, ex-officio
7 persons

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Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

The Rev. A. D. Thaeler, 1907.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck,
General Pastoral assistant, 1911.
Mrs. Otto Sawyer,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1913.
Miss Harriet Olpp,
Assistant, Primary Dept., 1910;
Supt., Cradle Roll, 1911.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.
John Heine,
Assistant Secretary, 1909.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Jos. M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
Leonard Luckenbach,
Musical Director of Orchestra, 1913.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., 1909.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

The Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., 1898.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Mrs. Fred B. Hartman, 1907.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Mrs. L. Tencate, 1909.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Jeanette Murray, 1910.
Miss Nola Van Horne, 1910.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1910.
Mrs. G. Wm. Eberman, 1910.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
David Rebstock, 1911.
C. Conrad Shimer, 1911.
Miss Clara Hoch, 1912.
Miss Nina Krause, 1912.
Mrs. Alfred Betge, 1912.
Otto J. Sawyer, 1912.
Clayton C. Teter, 1913.
Douglas Rights, 1913.
William Miksch, 1913.
Donald McCall, 1913.
Mrs. Samuel H. Gapp, 1913.
Mrs. Paul Bishop, 1912.
Miss Dorothy Doster, 1913.
Mrs. Laurence Heine, 1913.
40 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

Charles H. Rominger,
Superintendent, 1909.
Augustus W. Schmich, 1912,
Asst. Supt., 1913.
William Miller, Secretary, 1911.
Stanley Benner,
Asst. Secretary, 1912.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Treasurer, 1911.
Roland Koch, Librarian, 1913.
Fred B. Hartman, Organist, 1910.
William A. Steinmueller,
Supt., Junior Department, 1911.
Miss Mabel Jacoby,
Organist, Junior Dept., 1910.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1901.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905,
Asst. Supt., Primary Dept.
Mrs. Floyd Myers,
Supt., Home Dept., 1905.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1911.
Ray Schmich, 1911.
Miss Geneva Morgan, 1911.
Miss Kathrine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Beatrice Rebstock, 1911.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1912.
John Schupp, 1912.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach,
1901-'08; '12.
Miss Edith Ross, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Miss Laura King, 1913.
Miss Eugenie Brunner, 1913.
Miss Henrietta Brunner, 1913.
August Wucherer, 1913.
Walter Wesenberg, 1913.
William Scheel, 1913.
33 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Superintendent, 1907.
Frank B. Ricksecker,
Assistant Superintendent, 1911;
Organist, 1906.

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J. George Bruner, 1910,
Assistant Supt., 1913.
J. Seward Titlow, 1911,
Secretary, 1912.
Joseph Heller, 1911.
Edgar A. More, 1912.
Assistant Secretaries.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1887.
Miss Iva Krause,
Treasurer, 1901, also Asst. Supt., Primary Department.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Clayton Bernhardt,
Asst. Librarian, 1911.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Primary Dept.
Mrs. J. M. Yeakle,
Supt., Home Dept., 1913.
Mrs. C. H. Reichel,
Supt., Cradle Roll, 1913.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Mrs. William Halteman, 1903.
Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Myrtle Frankenfield, 1911.
Vaclav Vancura, 1911.
Kenneth Hamilton, 1911.
Mrs. Anson Kuhns, 1911.
Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, 1912.
Herbert Kant, 1912.
Richard Shields, 1912.
Miss Ada Schimmel, 1913.
Miss Laura Kemper, 1913.
Miss Dorothy Mack, 1913.
Mrs. Henry Grosh, 1913.
A. W. Flath, 1913.
H. A. Kuehl, 1913.
Reinhold Henkelman, 1913.
C. O. Weber, 1913.
32 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Charles H. Rominger, 1909.
Superintendent, 1913.
Miss Virginia Huebner, 1875.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Edward C. Roest, 1888.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92;
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Peter Boquel, Manual Training and Physical Instructor, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1909.
Miss Elida Barnes, 1912,
Physical Instructress.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1913.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1913.
13 persons.

Musicians.

Organists.

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Fred B. Hartman,
West Side Chapel, 1910.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Mabel Jacoby,
Pianist, West Side Primary Department, 1910.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905,
Pianist, Central Sunday School.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., Central, 1909.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Laurel Street Primary Dept., Sunday School, 1909.
8 persons.

Trombonists.

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868,
Leader, 1912.

Soprano.

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Charles Kemper, 1908.
Earl Bruch, 1910.
John Grider, 1912.
Hugh Kemper, 1913.

Alto.

Augustus H. Leibert, 1868.
Spurgeon G. Sigley, 1908.
William Miller, 1910.

Tenor.

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George E. Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1909.
Lowell Otis, 1910.
Rusk Maynes, 1911.

Bass.

Charles F. Beckel, 1896.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1896.
Theodore W. Shields, 1898.
Owen W. Rice, 1909.
19 persons.

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Orchestra, Central Church.

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.
Hans Roemer, 1909.
W. C. Hartman, 1909.
Leonard Luckenbach, 1909.
Robert E. Stout, Jr., 1911.
George Pettinos, 1900.
Jesse Kreidler, 1910.
Howard Haas, 1910.
Lowell Otis, 1911.
Miss Carolyn Otis, 1912.
Miss Beatrice Doster, 1912.
Edward C. Hartman, 1913.

17 persons.

Singers, Church.

Soprano.

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Mrs. William King, 1904.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Elizabeth Schrader, 1909.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1909.
Miss Pauline Detterer, 1909.
Miss Katherine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Mae Schupp, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1911.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1912.
Miss Marion Weber, 1913.
Miss Nola Van Horn, 1913.
Miss Ruth Barres, 1913.

Alto.

Miss Elizabeth Schwab, 1894.
Mrs. Edward F. Gray, 1901.
Miss Agnes Luckenbach, 1908.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. Fred. J. Rice, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Helen Gray, 1909.
Miss Mildred Milchsack, 1909.
Miss Gertrude Levering, 1897.
Miss Viola Remaly, 1911.
Miss Phylis Thomas, 1912.
Miss Eugenia Brunner, 1913.

Tenor.

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
R. V. K. Eberman, 1902.
Fred H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
Leslie Ruth, 1911.

Bass.

Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
Emil Goth, 1894.
Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
Harold Groman, 1908.
Carl Pharo, 1912.
David Rebstock, 1911.
Philip Thomas, 1910.
Conrad Shimer, 1912.
Donald McCall, 1912.

52 persons.

Officers of the Central Church Choir.

Miss Harriet G. Miksch, President.
Mrs. Charles Rominger, Vice-President.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab, Secretary.
Miss Caroline Belling, Treasurer.

Committee on Membership.

Miss Harriet Miksch,
Miss Elizabeth Schwab,
Mrs. Charles Rominger,
Miss Caroline Belling,
Miss Agnes Luckenbach,
Miss Elizabeth Schrader,
Mr. Philip Thomas,
Mr. Samuel D. Luckenbach.

Emergency Choir.

Dr. A. G. Rau, Musical Director.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox, Leader.
Miss Bertha Tallon.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Mrs. C. H. Rominger.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Mrs. S. D. Luckenbach.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Mrs. J. F. Rice.

11 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel.

Soprano.

Miss Geneva Morgan, 1908.
Miss Hazel Hutchinson, 1912.
Miss Henrietta Brunner, 1913.
Miss Miriam Swartz, 1913.
Miss Rosalind Strawn, 1913.

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Alto.

Miss Josephine Herman, 1909.
Miss Henrietta Bodder, 1911.
Miss Alma Frey, 1913.
Miss Effie Savitz, 1913.

Tenor.

John Schupp, 1911.
Roland Koch, 1912.

Bass.

William Solt, 1913.

12 persons.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel.

Soprano.

Miss Helen Halteman, 1908.
Miss Florence Mack, 1908.
Miss Edith Wiener, 1912.
Miss Helen Sweitzer, 1913.
Miss Ada Wiener, 1913.
Miss Marguerite Richter, 1913.

Alto.

Miss Dorothy Mack, 1908.
Mrs. Austin Krueger, 1908.
Miss Dorothy Eberman, 1913.

Tenor.

J. Seward Titlow, 1911.
Merritt Michael, 1911.

Bass.

Clayton Bernhardt, 1911.
Hugh Kemper, 1913.
George S. K. Getz, 1913.
George W. Feist, 1913.

15 persons

Janitors.

James Orner, 1910, Church, Old Chapel, and Sunday School Chapel.
Lewis P. Horlacher, 1912, Parochial School.
Mrs. James Orner, 1910, Lovefeast Helper.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1897, Laurel Street Chapel.

5 persons.

Sexton of Cemeteries.

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.

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IX. The Necrology.

The following register covers the period, December 1, 1912, to December 31, 1913. Hereafter, the events reported on this page will include the year, January 1, to December 31.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Sarah (Shive) Bray	March 29, 1855	December 4, 1912
Alice (Groner) Miksch	February 15, 1861	December 22, 1912
Gertrude May Wiener	November 24, 1894	December 23, 1912
Foster Henry Walters	September 27, 1884	December 30, 1912
Eugenia Rebecca (Leibert) Bishop	November 19, 1859	January 11, 1913
Mary Catherine (Irwin) Jones	March 15, 1832	January 15, 1913
Lucy Ann (Luckenbach) Rau	October 9, 1816	January 16, 1913
Selinda Ann (Horn) Bloss	October 15, 1836	January 23, 1913
Barbara (Stein) Merkle	September 16, 1840	February 1, 1913
Emilie Ciet French	July 3, 1844	February 25, 1913
Alfred Erastus Degelow	February 18, 1895	March 7, 1913
Emma S. (Collins) Oestereicher	February 5, 1847	March 8, 1913
Selinda Antoinette (Beitel) Shireman	August 13, 1815	March 10, 1913
Frederick Thomas Steinback	October 9, 1888	March 13, 1913
Louisa Henrietta (Fradneck) Heberling	June 6, 1842	April 26, 1913
Charlotte Ruth Hoffert	June 7, 1895	May 2, 1913
Anson William Reuben Kuhns	June 23, 1884	May 3, 1913
Joy Alice Boyd	December 31, 1905	May 3, 1913
Lloyd J. Evans	December 14, 1884	May 9, 1913
Edwin Forrest Setzer	March 31, 1867	May 10, 1913
Mary Margaret (Knauss) Kleckner	February 1, 1838	May 20, 1913
Morris Silvester Fisher	December 31, 1879	May 27, 1913
Paul Leonard Kleckner	July 19, 1897	June 15, 1913
Jeremiah Lewis	November 17, 1837	June 16, 1913
Ida Pearl Walters	August 5, 1890	June 19, 1913
Earl Augustus Hultsch	January 5, 1913	July 2, 1913
Tillie Christine Levers	November 28, 1859	July 8, 1913
Magdalena (Bloss) Oerter	October 7, 1826	July 10, 1913
George Henry Ritter	December 15, 1850	August 9, 1913
Michael Fried	August 25, 1841	August 12, 1913
Frederick Freudenberger	January 6, 1849	August 19, 1913
Cornelia Elizabeth (Hoeber) Wunderling	January 10, 1827	August 31, 1913
Alice Catherine (Clewell) Setzer	November 25, 1867	August 31, 1913
Francis W. Hultsch	February 27, 1834	October 25, 1913
Mary Ann (Meitzler) Barres	November 26, 1836	November 7, 1913
Sarah Amanda (Luckenbach) Boehler	March 8, 1829	November 13, 1913

Of these two were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of twelve persons who were not members of the congregation, of whom seven were adults and five were children.

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Preface.

This, the One Hundred and Seventy-third Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa., is placed in the hands of all the membership, in the hope that it may be a valuable review of the activities of the year that is past, and a stimulus for the work that is ahead.

If carefully preserved, this Report will be valuable when reference is desired to the various activities of the Congregation, or to their leadership.

While all possible care has been given to each part, it is entirely possible that minor errors have crept into the statements. If these are pointed out, their perpetuation will be guarded against in next year's Report.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1914.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—Manuel E. Kemper, 1905; William H. Fluck, 1911.

GERMAN PREACHER, IN OLD CHAPEL.—A. Schultze, D.D.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio and Secretary;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* G. Frederick Krause, ('12-'15); Otto J. Sawyer, ('14-'15); Emil J. Bishop, ('13-'16); James R. Schmid, ('13-'16); Albert G. Rau, ('14-'17); James E. Krause, ('14-'17).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('13-'16); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President*, ('12-'15); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('14-'17); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('14-'17); Harry J. Meyers, ('14-'17); William V. Knauss, ('12-'15); Allen J. Sterner, ('12-'15); William J. Steinmueller, ('13-'16); Augustus W. Schmich, ('13-'16).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel *E. Kemper, member ex officio;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* Matthew J. Schmid, *Secretary*, ('13-'16); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('14-'17); Abraham C. Prince, ('12-'15); Charles H. Riegel, ('12-'15); G. William Riegel, ('13-'16); Clayton C. Teter, ('14-'17).

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ALMONERS.—Matthew J. Schmid, *President*, ('13-'18); Herman A. Doster, *Secretary and Treasurer*, ('10-'15); Harry B. Eggert, ('14-'19); Frank V. Kleckner, ('11-'16); James T. Borhek, ('12-'17).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Frederick H. Wilhelm, Franklin H. Brunner, (all '14-'15).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('14-'15).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('14-'15).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8 and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7:30 P.M., Evening service.

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of Old Clergy House near the Church.

Alternate Sundays: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7:45 P.M., Mid-week service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8:30 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.
6:15 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

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Friday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Junior and Intermediate C. E. Society.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior C. E. Society.

Friday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Intermediate C. E. Society.
7:45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—EDGEBORO, near to Easton Road.

Sunday: 9:15 A.M., Sunday School.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

VII.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 2:00 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
6:30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior C. E. Society.

VIII.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

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Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M., for the children; 7:30 and 11:30 P.M., for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7:30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

I. Public Means of Grace.

We have much cause this year to be grateful. In all our places of worship there has been a marked improvement in the attendance, and the average congregation is larger, decidedly, than a year ago.

Perhaps this is partly to be traced to the "Go to Church Sunday," February 22. On that day the Churches of the Bethlehems united in an effort to get all their members to one or other of the services. A great deal of preparatory work to this end had been done during the previous week. The result was entirely gratifying, and—what was better—many were aroused to a more faithful and regular attendance. While the hot months, and the absence of many from town during the vacation period, are responsible for smaller congregations during the Summer, the usual break was not so sharp this year.

At Laurel Street Chapel the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor took charge of the Sunday evenings on which there would have been no service, and arranged for a series of meetings, with special speakers, holding all out of doors, in the twilight, and with abundant success. They became really neighborhood meetings, and maintained a good influence.

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At the West Side the C. E. meetings are now held on Sunday evening, before the service.

At Edgeboro, on the eastern side of town, a new Sunday School was begun by several students in our Theological Seminary during the Fall, after a social survey of the neighborhood, and it is being now carried on with great enthusiasm and blessing, in a house rented for the purpose. This will be continued until developments indicate where a Chapel should be located.

Preaching services are also held here on Sunday evenings, conducted by the students of the Seminary.

In the Mid-week Services there has also been increased interest. The study of the Sunday School lessons has been continued, and the opportunity has been taken by many who are engaged in that line of work, to gain this help in their preparation. The bringing of Bibles to this meeting has been one of its features. All the Communions of the year have been well attended, with the exception of one or two, on evenings when the weather interfered. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday nearly 900 members sat down at the Lord's Table. This was the largest number on record.

II. The Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

At the end of April the Pastor of the congregation was granted leave of absence, that he might attend the General Synod of the Church in Germany, having been elected a delegate at the Provincial Synod last year. He was away until nearly the end of July. The efficient organization of the congregation, however, and the willingness with which the Assistant Pastors assumed the doubled tasks that devolved upon them, together with the assistance given from time to time by other brethren, when required, made it possible to carry on every phase of the work without any intermission other than that which is usual during the hottest part of the Summer. This smooth running of the organized activity of a body like ours is one of the most valuable assets of the congregation, and due recognition should be accorded those whose steadiness and willingness are at such times in evidence.

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All the Pastors cordially invite the co-operation of the membership in indicating places at which pastoral attention may be needed. If this is promptly given, many a trivial difficulty can be overcome at the outset, before it has become dangerous.

III. The Schools of the Congregation.

I.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

The past year has shown a decided gain, both in general interest and in enrollment of pupils. At the close of November the total registration was 227: 47% male; 53% female. Or, dividing according to Church affiliation, 60% are Moravian, and 40% non-Moravian.

Several changes took place in the Faculty. In the Intermediate Department Miss Bertha Hark and Mr. Harold Lopp took the places of Miss Gertrude Levering and Miss Virginia Huebner. Miss Hark had been for years in charge of the Sub-Primary Department but, upon her transference to the other department, Miss Gertrude Lennox was appointed teacher in the Sub-Primary.

During the year the school secured a distinct advantage, after State examination, in the certificate privilege granted our graduates, over against the Normal Schools of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our diplomas are now a guarantee of sufficient credits to enable graduates to complete a four years' course at a Normal School in two years.

The "M. P. S.," the school paper, has maintained a still higher degree of excellence than in former years, and is an admirable field for practice in the use of language.

Both of the athletic teams won distinction during the seasons. The increased number of larger boys has been a stimulus in this direction.

Six scholarships for deserving Moravian boys were again put at the disposal of the school by members of the congregation interested in the development of their Alma Mater. The Alumni Association also manifested a deepening interest in the internal

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development of the concerns of the school, taking steps toward securing a fund in support of the effort to establish a business course, as soon as this can wisely be introduced. Work preparatory to this has already been done. Prizes placed in the hands of the Superintendent for the encouragement of work in various departments are also appreciated.

From the graduating class in June ten young men and women were certified for entrance without examination into nine educational institutions for higher courses, a strong testimony to the character of the work here being done.

French and German classes for children in the lower grades were also introduced, though for these a small additional charge had to be made.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer of the Moravian Parochial School, for the year ending November 30, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 109 16	
Tuition	4995 10	
Miscellaneous	43 75	
Gymnasium and Manual Training	140 52	
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	5500 00	
		$9888 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 426 93	
Miscellaneous Expenses	621 72	
Chemical Laboratory	72 77	
Gymnasium	73 13	
Books and Stationery	161 14	
Manual Training	54 75	
Salaries	8028 50	
Balance in Bank, November 30	450 49	
		$9888 53

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, *Treasurer.*

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II.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It will be remembered by those who have had an interest in following these things, that last year the Board of Elders' Report to Church Council pointed out the need of entering new portions of the field with which the Moravian Church is rightly concerned in town. For this reason it is with gratitude to the Lord that we can point to a new Moravian Sunday School in Edgeboro.

Detailed information regarding this new School will be found under the proper caption. But we point to this as a move in the right direction, that of entering new doors, as the Lord Himself opens them before us.

In the summing up of the reports, therefore, we include not only the three Sunday Schools which have for many years figured here, but the four which are now connected with the congregation.

Combined statistics of the four Sunday Schools:

Scholars, male, 467; female, 572; total, 1039.

Officers and teachers, male, 55; female, 51; total, 106.

Total membership in the Schools, 1145.

Average attendance, 793.

On the cradle roll there are 62 names. In the Home Department, 229.

A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

From near the beginning of the year the "Cross and Crown System" of recognizing faithful attendance has been in operation, with excellent results. In fact, so enthusiastic has been the response on the part of both younger and older pupils, that the expense of supplying the neat and tasty pins has been considerably greater than was anticipated. Not only did this system immediately steady the attendance, through rainy, hot and cold weather, but it also had the effect of sending many of the young people to Sunday Schools even while they were absent from town on their vacations.

We are also happy to record a recovery of numbers in the total enrollment, as will be noted below.

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Each of the departments has maintained its standard of efficiency, and there has been less difficulty in supplying the occasional vacancies in the teaching force. The music has also been very good, the enlarged orchestra being constantly in evidence.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 171; female, 220; total, 391.

Teachers and officers, male, 16; female, 20; total, 36.

Total enrollment, male, 187; female, 240; grand total, 427.

Average attendance, 288.

Home department visitors, 9; members, 96; total, 105.

Cradle roll, 20.

Collections in the School itself during the year, $572.79; through the Home Department, $99.50. Donations amounted to $993.83. Expenses, $368.21. During the three last quarters of the year the Central School assumed a pledge to raise $500 toward the Rebuilding Fund of the College, this amount to be in hand or acknowledged, by Christmas time.

A very successful and pleasant picnic in connection with the other Sunday Schools, at Bellewood, was also the main feature of the Summer.

B.—THE WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The West Side Sunday School has had a slight growth in registration and regular attendance. The normal ratio between attendance and registration, attained last year, has become a permanent characteristic of the school. The Summer months did not bring a great "falling off" in the numbers present. The days when special programmes were rendered were, therefore, not so noticeable.

The average of 205 out of 269 may be considered good. The number of "regulars" was increased, and these received recognition at Christmas.

The scholars rallied loyally to the call for funds for the rebuilding of Comenius Hall, at the College, and the pledge of $250 by Christmas time was assumed. This effort was an encouragement to those who watched the fund grow, and saw the small sums collected from time to time aggregate the larger total sum.

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The rapid strides of the West Side as a residential part of town makes this school an important part of our whole work. Not all of the new families go further west. Many of them locate in the neighborhood of the Chapel. Very few open spaces are left.

With loyal officers and teachers, and improved quarters and growing opportunity, though we are limited by a chain of other churches closing up around us, there is every reason for a continued advance in 1915, in all departments of the School.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 103; female, 135; total, 238.

Teachers and officers, male, 14; female, 17; total, 31.

Total enrollment, male, 117; female, 152; grand total, 269.

Home Department visitors, 8; members, 75; total, 83.

Cradle roll, 24.

Average attendance in the school proper, 205.

Expenses for the year, $217.10. Donations, $263.00.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There is nothing new or particularly striking to record in regard to this School. There has been a slight gain in the membership. As the northern part of town grows, the School keeps pace with it. While it is not possible to care for all the young people who might be gathered in by a thorough canvass of the neighborhood, an effort is being made to accommodate all who come. All available space is used, and still there is a crowded condition of things from Sunday to Sunday. The officers and teachers have been remarkably faithful in the performance of their duties.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 157; female, 178; total, 335.

Teachers and officers, male, 18; female, 13; total, 31.

Total enrollment, male, 175; female, 191; grand total, 366.

Home Department, 31.

Cradle roll, 18.

Average attendance, 241.

Donations were made amounting to $198.00. The expenses were $239.36.

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D.—EDGEBORO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

About a year ago attention was called in the Congregation Council to the need of efforts in the growing section of town lying to the northeast. At that time it was impossible to secure any building for an initial effort, however.

During the Fall a canvass of the vicinity of Edgeboro was made by a number of members of the graduating class of students at the Theological Seminary, and the prospects were found to be very favorable. A private house was loaned for two Sundays, and thereafter rented for several months. Chairs and other necessary equipment were loaned by interested friends, and the first session of the new Sunday School was held on Sunday morning, October 28.

The attendance has shown a marked increase each Sunday, and there has been deepest interest among all the people of the neighborhood.

Out of the company of children there was also soon organized a Junior C. E. Society, and preaching services are held on Sunday evenings, though the arrangements of the building are not such as afford the room requisite for complete comfort.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 36; female, 39; total, 75.

Teachers and officers, male, 7; female, 1; total, 8.

Total enrollment, male, 43; female, 40; grand total, 83.

Average attendance, 59.

The offerings of the School so far amounted to $12.89.

IV. The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

Only one business meeting was held during the course of the year. The receipts, including the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, amounted to $612.43. Donations were made to the General Mission Fund, the Mission Deficit, the Jesus Hilfe

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Home for Lepers at Jerusalem, and to Bro. Van Vleck's work in Antigua. These donations amounted to $400.00.

The anniversary sermon was preached on Whitsunday evening, May 31, by Bishop C. L. Moench. Ten new members were enrolled during the year, and there were five deaths. The membership at present is 388.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering.

Collectors: Mrs. A. Hartman, Mrs. J. M. Yeakle, Mrs. R. Cunningham, Mrs. Fred. Schwarze, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. William F. Hartman, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Mrs. Charles W. Clewell, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. Allen Sterner, Mrs. David Groman, Miss G. Bishop.

2.—The Young Men's Missionary Society.

Organized September 7, 1840.

The quiet, steady work of previous years has been continued during the past months. There has been no startling development, but all who have through this Society "taken hold of the ropes" have continued to hold them. Regular donations have been made in support of the causes that have often been assisted before, but the special charge of the Society has continued to be the Mission in Bluefields, Nicaragua, for the support of the Superintendent of that Mission was pledged several years ago, and has been maintained.

Two very interesting occasions marked the Spring. One was a supper-business meeting, at which Mr. H. T. Morris spoke on "Germany as I saw it," and the other was the anniversary, on January 18, when Mr. Mornay Williams, of New York City, addressed the Society and congregation.

There are 227 members on the active roll, 49 associate, and 93 life, a total of 369.

The donations of the year amounted to $1198, including the support of the Superintendent of the Nicaraguan work.

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Officers: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice-President, Edw. J. Krause; Secretary, Fred. B. Hartmann; Treasurer, G. F. Krause; other members of the Executive Committee, F. I. Klinker, H. J. Meyers, E. J. Bishop.

3.—The Mite Society.

Organized in 1878.

The object of this organization is to maintain a steady support of the general missionary work of the Church, and to encourage the laying aside of a small amount regularly for this cause. Five cents a month is all that is asked of each member.

There are 200 members, 14 male, and 186 female. The year's contributions amounted to $92.00.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss Georgie Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause.

Collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Mary Krause, Mrs. Sumter Forney, Mrs. Harry Bealer, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Marguerite Eberman, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Nina Krause, Miss Dorothea de Schweinitz, Miss Louise Thaeler, Miss Hazel Hutchinson, Miss Georgie Bishop.

4.—Missionary Society of the Parochial School.

Organized May 10, 1881.

The Missionary Society of the Parochial School is an organization which strives to encourage and deepen the interest in Foreign Missions among the pupils of the school. All of the pupils and most of the teachers are members. Monthly meetings are held in connection with the Chapel exercises, the regular officers taking charge of these meetings.

The Society collected $40.88 during the year, and appropriated $35.68 for various causes, the Indian Mission in California, the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, and the work of Bro. Rufus Bishop in Nicaragua.

The membership is at present 237.

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Officers: President, John Wilbur; Vice-President, Perry Weitknecht; Secretary, William Beidelman; Treasurer, Katharine Ross.

5.—*The Home Mission Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; organized August 28, 1849; incorporated January 16, 1865.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held only as business demands. The object of the Society, which is really the congregation itself, is the maintenance of a regular support of the home missionary work of the Province. There was a time when the Society itself directly carried on home mission operations, appointing men to the field, etc., but with the thorough organization now prevailing as a Provincial system, this is no longer necessary, and the Society devotes itself to financial support of the work.

The monthly collections amounted to $832.07; the house-to-house collection in May added $398.08; interest on investments, $249.14; Synodical collection, $224.97.

The donations, including the quota of the congregation for the Provincial Home Mission treasury and that of the Eastern District, were $1614.

The anniversary was observed on June 7th, and the annual address was delivered by the Rev. Irwin E. Deer, of Lititz, Pa.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President the Rev. M. E. Kemper; Recording Secretary, Augustus H. Leibert; Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, Henry A. Krause; additional Directors, O. A. Clewell, F. H. Wilhelm, H. B. Eggert, the Rev. F. E. Lennox, C. J. Gapp, F. V. Kleckner.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; organized November 28, 1889.

The missionary work in Alaska has always been of deep interest to this congregation, which does not forget the promise that was made, years ago, of cordial support of the enterprise. In addition,

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therefore, to the Synodical collection, an annual canvass of the membership is made in behalf of this work, and every member of the congregation is considered a member of the Society. The canvass is made during the month of October by collectors appointed by the Directors.

The annual business meeting was held on the evening of Sunday, March 29.

The house-to-house collection amounted to $487.23, and the New Year's Eve offering, $81.30. The expenses of the year were $13.50.

Officers: President, Henry A. Krause; Vice-President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, Theodore Kampmann.

Directors: The Pastors, *ex officio*, F. I. Klinker, C. H. Wenhold, Mrs. A. J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, Miss Irene Ross, O. A. Clewell, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. C. W. Clewell.

Other Collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Sarah Spinner, Miss Helen Schneller, Mrs. A. P. Betge, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Bertha Tallon, Miss Helen Halteman, Miss Carrie Clewell, Miss Pauline Detterer, Mrs. F. V. Kleckner, Mrs. Ferdinand Yost.

7.—*West Side Missionary Society.*

Inaugurated in 1904.

Under the name here given, instead of the West Side Missionary Forward Movement, this society is now succeeding in the very modest project of supporting a native missionary, Bro. Ramsey, in Nicaragua. The former object of the organization, the support of a European missionary in Africa, was never realized. Now, however, a sure working basis has been reached. At the Anniversary Lovefeast the address was made by the Rev. Theodore Reinke, former superintendent of the Nicaragua Moravian Mission. Total receipts were $121.89; expenses, $110.00.

Officers: President, Fred B. Hartman; Secretary, Harry L. Fisher; Treasurer, Clyde C. Meixell.

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B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

This organization devotes itself to the support of home missions. There are 35 active members, and 15 honorary. As the years pass, the work continues faithfully.

The donations this year amounted to $435.00.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice-President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Pownall.

2.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

The support and equipment of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary is the object of this Circle, and the same degree of interest has been shown as in other years.

A contribution of $300.00 was made to the institution during the year, and, in addition, the expenses of the Reception to the students in June were met from the treasury of this organization, amounting to $20.60.

There are 22 active members, and 11 honorary.

Leader, Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

This is another of the organizations which quietly work through the year, and annually appear before the congregation at a Sale of the articles prepared. This took place on October 17, in the Sunday School Building, and on the same evening an entertainment was given in the Chapel of the Moravian Seminary. From both occasions the sum of $459.91 was realized.

Contributions were made to various causes amounting to $165.42, and, in addition, thirty home missionaries' wives received a ten-dollar Christmas remembrance from the Society.

There are 26 active members, and 22 honorary.

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Officers: President, Mrs. B. I. Drake; Vice-President, Miss Nina Krause; Secretary, Miss Dorothy Doster; Treasurer, Mrs. Robt. S. Taylor.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized in October, 1893.

The object of this organization is to gladden some home missionary household each year by equipping it with supplies of various sorts. There is nothing of the traditional "missionary box" about this contribution, for the most careful thought and kindly consideration is given to each article sent. Many are the letters of overflowing gratitude received by the Society, in acknowledgment of its labor of love.

The membership remains the same as last year, 20 active, 1 honorary.

The box of household supplies and clothing, including a check, was valued at $300.00.

Officers: Mrs. Edward Jacobson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Pownall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Krause; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Rau.

5.—Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

This Society meets at the West Side Chapel, Wednesday afternoons, incidentally for a social hour, specifically to do needlework for the annual Sale held in February. The year was one of progress. Some members withdrew, while others joined. The work went on as usual.

Donations amounted to $65.00. Expenses were $23.25. The year closed with a cash balance of $110.59.

Active members, 23; honorary, 3.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; First Vice-President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Peter Remaley; Secretary, Mrs. Harry L. Fisher; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner.

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6.—Ladies' Aid Society of the Laurel Street Chapel.

Organized October, 1903.

This Society continues its activity in the interests of the Chapel, both that which we are now using, and that which is projected some time in the future. The Society meets for sewing every Wednesday afternoon, except in July and August. A meeting is also held once a month for the transaction of business.

There are 25 active members.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice-President, Miss Emma Heine; Secretary, Mrs. Adam Meyer; Associate Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Schneller; Treasurer, Mrs. William Desh.

During the year the Society donated $10.00 to the Chapel work. It has on interest, with the Treasurer of the congregation, for the building fund, $125.00.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895. First Circles formed in 1887.

The number of Circles in the Union remains the same, 25, but the total membership has risen to 407, 366 being active, and 41 honorary members.

Reports from the various Circles show special efforts to supply our Theological Seminary with rugs for all the students' rooms. After this institution was supplied, it was found that the mission rooms could also be supplied.

Other activities of the Circles were looking after the sick and needy, replenishing the supply closet, making homes happy at Christmas time, decorating the Church on festival occasions. Gifts were also made to the Leper Hospital, scrap books made for the Alaska Mission, contributions gathered for the Associated Charities, and quilts prepared. At the annual bandage-rolling, 584 bandages were rolled, and sent to the Leper Hospital in Surinam, and $30.00 in cash forwarded to the Hospital in Jerusalem.

The contributions of the Union were $454.78 to causes other than the support of the Nurse. This latter amounted to $513.13. The expenses were $54.83.

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The names of the Circles follow, with their leaders:

Name of Circle.	Leader.	Date of Organization.
Helpers,	Mrs. O. de Schweinitz,	1887
Watchful,	Mrs. E. A. Rau,	1887
Whatsoever,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1887
Lend A Hand,	Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz,	1889
Benigna,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1892
Opportunity,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1894
Bethany,	Mrs. E. C. Roest,	1894
Loyal,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1894
Anna Nitschmann,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1894
Clover Leaf,	Miss E. R. Luckenbach,	1894
Steadfast,	Mrs. C. L. Moench,	1895
Forget-me-not,	Mrs. F. W. Detterer,	1897
Thoughtful,	Mrs. E. J. Bishop,	1897
Golden Rule,	Mrs. H. A. Jacobson,	1898
Cup of Loving Service,	Miss Helen de Schweinitz,	1898
Dorcas,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1899
Faithful Workers,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck,	1901
Ever Willing,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck,	1902
His Own,	Mrs. W. N. Schwarze,	1902
The Nearest Duty,	Mrs. M. E. Kemper,	1906
Always Ready,	Mrs. F. B. Hartman,	1909
Burden Bearers,	Miss Mary G. Smith,	1909
Unto Me,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1910
The King's Jewels,	Miss Ottilie Heine,	1913
Inasmuch,	Mrs. Harry L. Fisher,	1913

Officers: President, Mrs. J. M. Levering; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. W. Detterer, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Mrs. E. J. Bishop; Recording Secretary, Miss Iva Krause; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

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D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

The same four Societies comprise the membership of this Union as in former years, the Central, West Side, Laurel Street and South Side Societies. The success attending the work of these organizations, however, has increased the number in the Union to 136.

The Executive Committee is composed of the four Presidents, with an additional member.

The year has been one of success, the work being regularly conducted. Quarterly meetings were held, and business sessions, according to the Constitution of the Union. Not only has the membership increased, but participation in the quarterly meetings is also decidedly better than in previous years. The enthusiasm of the Endeavorers has been greatly stirred by the visit of Mr. Lehmann, of the United Society, and new plans have been laid for still greater things. Two of the meetings were addressed by excellent speakers, who struck the evangelistic note.

At the meetings, $17.62 was collected.

Officers: President, Vaclav F. Vancura; Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Della Preisch; Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, Miss May Schupp.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

With the usual suspension during the heated months, meetings were held every Wednesday evening. Late in the year, however, the time for this service was changed to 6:15, Sunday evening. This resulted not only in the presence at the meetings of those young people who regularly attended, but also enabled a number of older persons to avail themselves of this prayer-meeting before attending the regular Sunday evening service later. The Society holds a banner for high percentage of attendance at local conventions. There are 25 members, besides 7 honorary.

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Expenses amounted to $13.10. Donations, $15.00 to our California work; other donations, $3.50.

Officers: President, Miss Geneva Morgan; Vice-President, Miss Henrietta Brunner; Recording Secretary, Mr. Roland Koch; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mae Schupp; Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutchinson; Pianist, Miss Josephine Herman.

2.—West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

During the year the membership increased from 30 to 61, with an attendance at the meetings ranging from 31 to more than the number enrolled, and with an average of 45. The prayer-meeting of the Society is held every Friday afternoon, at 4:15, the children conducting their own service and taking part regularly. In December a very successful social evening was spent by the Juniors at the Chapel and, late in April, a sunny afternoon was given to a lawn party, affording the children a very happy time, where games, refreshments and cameras held sway. In May the annual entertainment was given by Junior talent exclusively and, besides being a pleasure for parents and others in attendance, netted $7.40 for the treasury.

Receipts for the year were $34.46; donations to three missionary causes, $18.00; expenses, $10.59.

Officers: President, Lewis Gerlach; Vice-President, Harlan Wilhelm; Secretary, Francis Kleckner; Pianist, Marguerite Fisher.

Leaders, in charge: Mrs. W. H. Fluck, Miss Edith Ross, Mr. J. George Bruner.

3.—West Side Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized November 6, 1914.

The numerical growth of the West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society, together with the additional fact that some of its members had outgrown the methods of work used among the

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smaller children, warranted the organization of the larger Juniors into an Intermediate Society. This was done on November 6, 1914, and, while this move decreases the number of members in the original Society, it has, on the other hand, increased the devotional interest for those in the new organization without impairing that of the other society.

Officers: President, Martha Luckenbach; Vice-President, Walter Kuhns; Secretary, Ruth Beale; Pianist, Ruth Kleckner; Assistant Pianist, Marguerite Fisher.

Leader, in charge: Mrs. W. H. Fluck.

4.—*Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

During the past year the membership of the Society has increased from 42 to 65. The meetings have been held regularly, with fine response on the part of the members. Besides the regular activities of the Society, a Sunday School was started and maintained, since the Spring, by members of the Society, at Redington, a station on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, among the foreign laborers who live near to the school house. There has been an average attendance of 30 persons, mainly children, at this Sunday School, and every encouragement has been given to continue this work.

The membership of the Society is: male, 30; female, 35; total, 65.

The usual contribution of $65.00 was paid toward the support of the Christian Endeavor Union's missionary in California, Bro. W. H. Weinland, and $50.00 was given to the erection of a new church at Carmel, Jamaica, W. I.

The expenses of the Society during the year amounted to $47.00.

Officers: President, Richard E. Shields; Vice-President, C. Conrad Shimer; Secretary, Miss Della V. Preisch; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith Ross; Treasurer, Claude Fegley; Assistant Treasurer, John Wilbur.

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5.—*Central Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized April 7, 1892.

This Society did not begin its work for the year in September, 1913, as usual, but resumed in January, 1914. Starting with a membership of 20, it almost doubled its numbers by June, when an interesting public meeting was held. At that meeting Mrs. Fluck gave an interesting description of Nicaragua.

The work was promptly resumed in the recent Fall, and has continued with much interest on the part of the children. A difficulty connected with the different closing hours of the Parochial and Public Schools has been met by preceding the regular meeting with a brief social time, until all have been able to gather. There are 10 boys and 25 girls in the membership.

The pledge of $12.25 for the support of the C. E. missionary was met, a Bible was presented to the new Edgeboro Sunday School, and $2.20 was paid for County and District Union support.

Officers: Superintendent, Miss Georgie Bishop; Assistant Superintendents, Miss Louise Thaeler and Mr. Reinhold Henkelmann.

6.—*Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized September 27, 1892.

Again we are able to report an increase in membership. The enrollment is: male, 11; female, 24; total, 35.

The meetings, held each Friday at 7:45 P.M., are well attended, and deep interest is taken in them. During July and August, when usually no regular meetings are held, it was this year felt that a need might be met by holding a twilight open-air meeting at the Chapel on Sunday evenings. Speakers were secured, and these meetings were successful in every way.

The expenses during the year amounted to $29.82, and donations were made amounting to $16.90.

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Officers: President, Warren Nonnemacher; Vice-President, Sidney Johnson; Secretary, Miss Mildred Kemmerer; Treasurer, H. E. Kemper; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Florence Mack.

7.—*Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

The past year has shown marked progress in the Society. Meetings were regularly held every Tuesday, at 4:30 P.M. The workers have shown themselves willing to undertake anything which might be for the good of the Society. During the year the need of more room was made quite clear. So the plan of dividing the Society into five different sections was adopted. Finally what is termed an Intermediate Society was organized by taking the boys and girls over 11 years of age, and holding a separate meeting for them on Friday, at 4:30 P.M. This plan is working well for both Societies.

During the Summer months a bouquet of flowers was sent to the Third Moravian Church, New York City. Just before Christmas 36 dolls were purchased, dressed, and sent to the little negro children of the same congregation.

The workers are Christian Weber, Clarence Richter, Laura Kemper, Estelle Ehrgott, and Esther Riegel.

There are enrolled 54 boys and 78 girls; total, 132. Of these 11 boys and 29 girls are in the Intermediate section.

The expenses were $34.35. Donations, $16.69.

8.—*Edgeboro Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized November 10, 1914.

From the scholars of the Edgeboro Sunday School this new Society was formed. At the first meeting 27 were present.

The meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons, at 4:15 o'clock. At present the enrollment is 43. The motto for 1915, adopted by the Society, is "Fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth."

Leaders, J. George Bruner and Herbert Kant.

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E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

The work of the League has steadily continued during the past year, though there has been somewhat of a decrease in the membership. During the Fall, Winter and Spring months the Gymnasium of the Parochial School is used, three evenings each week. During the Summer the athletics of the young men are altogether out-of-doors.

The basketball team this season is one of the strongest in the history of the League.

The membership is now 20. The age limit is 18.

Officers: President, Raymond W. Bodder; First Vice-President, Leidy Drauch; Second Vice-President, Frank Weaver; Secretary, William G. Miller; Treasurer, Charles Kemper.

2.—The Trombone Choir.

The Trombone Choir was in service 117 times during the course of the year. Of these, 70 were in connection with the festivals of the congregation; 22 were death announcements, and 25 times the Choir was present at funerals.

There are 18 members in the organization, though not all are called upon for service on the ordinary occasions.

Not only does the Trombone Choir add greatly to the solemnity of congregational occasions, but there have, in recent years, been frequent calls for their assistance at events which are still more general and of a public nature, as on the Fourth of July and at the Municipal Christmas Tree.

Leader: Mr. Augustus H. Leibert.

3.—Laurel Street Ushers' Association.

Organized October 1, 1906.

This organization is still doing faithful work in connection with all the services held at the Chapel. A number of Passion Week Manuals have been given for use at the Chapel.

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There are 13 active members.

The expenses of the year amounted to $18.25.

Officers: President, J. Seward Titlow; Vice-President, Joseph H. Heller; Secretary, Clayton W. Bernhardt; Treasurer, Edgar A. More.

4.—The Emergency Choir.

Twelve ladies comprise this choir, which has been formed with the purpose of bringing comfort into homes at a time when the voice of sympathy is so much needed. The simplicity of a funeral service is greatly assisted, and its helpfulness increased, by singing the hymns that are dear to faith. This is the object of the organization, and it has been most faithfully and self-sacrificingly maintained.

Leader: Mrs. F. E. Lennox.

5.—The Moravian College Guild.

Organized January 24, 1910.

As the name indicates, the Guild is concerned with the assistance of our Moravian College and Theological Seminary, particularly in those things which are connected with the household equipment of the institution.

A galvanized plate warmer, linens, dishes, etc., have been furnished. Also a maple floor in the dining room and vestibule was donated this year. The amount expended was $321.04.

There are 18 directors, including the officers.

Officers: President, Mrs. Archibald Johnston; Vice-President, Mrs. Frank I. Klinker; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Pownall.

6.—The Laurel Band, of Laurel Street Chapel.

The main object of this organization is to furnish flowers for all services, and to assist in suitably decorating the Chapel on occasions when special services are held.

The flowers placed in the Chapel are afterward taken to the sick and shut-in.

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There are 10 active and 2 honorary members.

The expenses of the year amounted to $41.60.

Officers: Leader, Mrs. Wm. Halteman; President, Mrs. Austin Krueger; Vice-President, Mrs. Anson Kuhns; Secretary, Miss Marie Hilflicker; Treasurer, Miss Helen Halteman.

V. General Financial Statistics.

1. Total money disbursed during the year December 1, 1913, to November 30, 1914, by the Congregation, for its own use and for objects apart from congregation work.

Appropriated for the use of the congregation in all ways	$31,589 71
Contributed to all objects apart from congregational work	19,744 38
Total	$51,334 09

2. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees for the year ending November 30, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Gross Income from "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate":		
From Interest	$19,893 55	
From Land Rents	469 90	
From House Rents	1,601 00	
		$21,964 45
Contributions of Members		4,921 40
Total Receipts		$26,885 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Taxes	$ 1,103 95	
Repairs to Productive Property	828 08	
General Expenses	1,862 19	
		$ 3,794 22
Donations		1,650 00

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Parochial School:		
General Appropriation	$ 6,046 04	
Repairs and Furniture	672 06	
		$ 6,718 10
Expenses of the Church Establishment:		
Provincial Assessment	$ 1,021 80	
Archives Expenses	158 50	
Repairs to Church Buildings, General	1,215 55	
Appropriations to Sunday Schools	675 00	
Parsonage Expenses	715 77	
Church Expenses, including Salaries	10,858 24	
		$14,644 86
Total Disbursements		$26,807 18
Excess of Receipts		78 67
		$26,885 85

J. S. KRAUSE, *Treasurer.*

3. Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Almoners, for the year ending November 30, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 1,100 38	
Interest, Legacies, Bonds and Mortgage	3,591 97	
Church Collections	103 05	
		$ 4,795 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations	$ 554 50	
Investments	3,866 64	
Expenses	22 50	
Balance, November 30, 1914	351 76	
		$ 4,795 40

HERMAN A. DOSTER, *Treasurer.*

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4. Contributions of the Congregation towards the general enterprises of the Moravian Church, other Christian objects and its own purposes, exclusive of all grants and funds.

Retired Ministers and Widows of Ministers, (Collections, $215.37; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Individuals, $6.25)	$ 306 62
Bohemian Mission, (Collections, $161.24; Sunday Schools, $117.28; Individuals, $330.75)	609 27
Foreign Missions in general, (Collections, $340.72; Sunday Schools, $100.00; Societies, $299.95; Individuals, $95.75)	836 42
Foreign Missions, Alaska, (Collections, $663.40; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Societies, $100.00; Individuals, $56.67)	905 07
Foreign Missions, special objects, (Collections, $269.31; Sunday Schools, $152.45; Societies, $1,694.68; Individuals, $477.18)	2,593 62
Home Missions, in general, (Collections, $665.00; Sunday Schools, $85.00; Societies, $50.00; Individuals, $5.37)	805 37
Home Missions, Church Extension, (Collections)	185 00
Home Missions, special objects, (Collections, $478.13; Sunday Schools, $51.31; Societies, $1,316.91)	1,846 35
Theological Seminary, (Collections, $297.57; Sunday Schools, $380.58; Societies, $1,450.60; Individuals, $7,296.99)	9,425 74
Increase Sustentation, (Individuals)	45 00
All other causes, (Collections, $25.00; Sunday Schools, $5.00; Societies, $4.05)	34 05
Total for enterprises of the Moravian Church....	$17,592 51
General Christian objects, (Collections, $290.06; Sunday Schools, $75.00; Societies, $136.81)	501 87

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Congregation purposes, (not including $3,160.00 non-Moravian Parochial School dues and Gymnasium receipts) but collections, Church-dues, special efforts, and internal beneficence)	7,719 98
Grand Total of contributions of the congregation	$25,814 36

5. Contributions of the Congregation, from all sources, to objects outside its own work.

Appropriated by the Trustees from congregation funds	$ 1,650 00
Contributed through various congregation channels	18,094 38
Total	$19,744 38

6. Total money distributed in all the operations of the Congregation during the year ending November 30, 1914, exclusive of the Nisky Hill Cemetery accounts.

Appropriation from income of "Real, Personal and Mixed Estate" of the congregation	$21,885 78
Appropriation from income of Almoners	473 95
Non-Moravian Parochial School dues, Gymnasium receipts	3,160 00
Contributed through various congregation channels	25,814 36
Grand Total from income and contributions	$51,334 09

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VI. The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1914.

CHURCH MEMBERS.	Totals on Nov. 30, 1913	INCREASE DURING 1914						DECREASE DURING 1914				Totals on Nov. 30, 1914
		Adults Baptized	Confirmed		Received		Re admitted	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Dropped	
			Moravians	Non-Moravians	Moravians	Non-Moravians						
A.—Communicants, viz:												
Males	716	3	16	16	4	7	2	10				754
Females	987		17	4	2	17	1	16				1012
B.—Non-Communicants over 13 years, viz:		Transferred from Children			Received			Died	Transferred to Communicants	Dismissed	Dropped	
Males	62	15							16		1	60
Females	62	17							17		10	52
C—Children, viz:		Baptized			Received			Died	Transferred to Non-Communic'ts	Dismissed	Dropped	
Boys under 13 years	160	20			8			2	15			171
Girls under 13 years	133	9			11			1	17			135
Grand Total	2120											2184

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B.—Distribution of the Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		*Non-Resident*		*Souls*		
	Males	*Females*	*Males*	*Females*	*Resident*	*Non-Resid't*	*Total*
Married Couples	359	359	16	16	718	32	750
Married Men	70		20		70	20	90
Married Women		116		41	116	41	157
Widowers	41		4		41	4	45
Widows		144		11	144	11	155
Single Men	196		19		196	19	215
Single Women		292		10	292	10	302
Older Boys	29				29		29
Older Girls		23			23		23
Total Communicants	695	934	59	78	1629	137	1766

	Males.	*Females.*	*Total.*
Resident Communicants	695	934	1629
Non-Resident Communicants	59	78	137
Total Communicants	754	1012	1766
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	16		16
Single Women		7	7
Older Boys	44		44
Older Girls		45	45
Total Non-Communicants	60	52	112
CHILDREN.			
Resident	153	125	278
Non-Resident	18	10	28
Total	171	135	306
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	908	1111	2019
Non-Resident	77	88	165
Grand Total	985	1199	2184

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males	*Females*	*Total*
Married People	465	532	997
Widowers	45		45
Widows		155	155
Single Men	231		231
Single Women		309	309
Older Boys	73		73
Older Girls		68	68
Children	171	135	306
Grand Total Membership	985	1199	2184

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VII. A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation at the End of the Year 1914.

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

(Hand-book, pages 19-36.)

Officers under the Charter.

The Ministry.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.

3 persons.

Officers of Church Council.

Harry J. Meyers, 1905.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.

2 persons.

The Board of Elders.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03-'07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
James R. Schmid, 1913.
James E. Krause, 1914.
Otto J. Sawyer, 1914.

9 persons.

The Board of Trustees.

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76-'89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82-'87.
William V. Knauss, 1882.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
William A. Steinmueller, 1913.
Augustus W. Schmich, 1913.

9 persons.

The School Board.

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1895.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
Clayton C. Teter, 1911.
Charles H. Riegel, 1912.

9 persons.

The Almoners.

Herman A. Doster, 1895.
Matthew J. Schmid, 1888.
Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1911.
James T. Borhek, 1911.

5 persons.

The Auditors.

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.

3 persons.

Persons in attendance and Custody, Church, Chapels, School. Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church.

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
George J. Grider, 1904.
Secretary, 1907.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frank S. Schwab, Jr., 1911.
John E. Leibfried, 1913.
Mrs. Cornelia M. Traeger, 1890.
Head Female Sacristan, 1912, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, 1912
Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. William M. Constable, 1899.

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Mrs. Frank H. Huth, 1908.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
24 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel

Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
George W. Grube, 1910.
7 persons.

Sacristans, West Side Chapel.

William M. Constable,
Vice Head Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Charles Hackman, 1912.
James Hutchinson, 1912.
Morris Kindig, 1912.
Samuel Mack, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Mrs. Harry Fisher, 1912.
Mrs. Charles Hafleigh, 1912.
Mrs. Morris Kindig, 1912.
Mrs. James F. Maynes, 1912.
Mrs. Peter J. Remaly, 1912.
12 persons.

Sacristans, Laurel Street Chapel.

Henry B. Schneller,
Vice Head Sacristan for the Laurel Street Chapel, 1913.
Mrs. Henry B. Schneller,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the Laurel Street Chapel, 1913.
2 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church.

Nicholas Schwab, 1896,
Chairman, 1910.
Alfred C. Betge,
Vice Chairman, 1910.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Clinton O. Lear, 1900.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Thomas E. Groman, 1905.
Elmer E. Ruth, 1906.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Samuel Redline, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Charles H. Riegel, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
Richard Cunningham, 1910.
Arthur W. Kluge, 1912.
Jesse M. Bodder, 1912.
Ray Wilhelm, 1912.
20 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel.

J. Seward Titlow, 1909,
President, 1912.
Joseph H. Heller, 1908,
Vice-President, 1912.
Clayton W. Bernhardt, 1912,
Secretary.
Edgar A. More, 1907,
Treasurer, 1912.
Clarence H. Reichel, 1906,
Member Executive Committee, 1912.
Arthur G. Hewett, 1906.
Walter S. Titlow, 1909.
Robert P. More, 1909.
Adam Meyer, 1912.
Elmer E. Remaley, 1912.
George S. K. Getz, 1913.
George S. Worsley, 1914.
Leonard R. Krause, 1914.
13 persons

Laurel Street Chapel Committee.

Elmer Remaley, 1912-'15, Chairman.
Sidney Johnson, 1913-'16,
Vice-Chairman.
F. E. Weinland, Treasurer, 1914-'17.
Thomas Fachsbinner, 1912-'15.
Victor More, 1913-'16.
O. J. Sawyer, 1914-'17.
M. E. Kemper, *ex-officio.*
Frank Ricksecker, Secretary, 1914.
7 persons.

West Side Chapel Committee.

Wallace F. Bobst, 1913-'16,
Chairman.
Harry L. Fisher, 1914-'17,
Secretary.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912-'15,
Treasurer.
William Constable, 1912-'15.
A. W. Schmich, 1913-'16.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1914-'17.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, *ex-officio.*
7 persons.

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Persons Engaged in School Work.

Officers, Central Sunday School.

The Rev. A. D. Thaeler,
Superintendent, 1907.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck,
General Pastoral Assistant, 1911.
Miss Jeanette Murray, 1910,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1914.
Miss Harriet Olpp,
Assistant, Primary Dept., 1910;
Supt., Cradle Roll, 1911.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst,
Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889,
Secretary, 1907.
Jesse Bodder,
Assistant Secretary, 1913.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Jos. M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
Leonard Luckenbach,
Musical Director of Orchestra, 1913.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., 1909.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School.

The Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., 1880-'85; 1898.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Nola Van Horne, 1910.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1910.
Mrs. G. Wm. Eberman, 1910.
David Rebstock, 1911.
C. Conrad Shimer, 1911.
Miss Clara Hoch, 1912.
Miss Nina Krause, 1912.
Mrs. Alfred Betge, 1912.
Otto J. Sawyer, 1912.
Clayton C. Teter, 1913.
Douglas Rights, 1913.
William Miksch, 1913.
Donald McCall, 1913.
Mrs. Samuel H. Gapp, 1913.
Miss Dorothy Doster, 1913.
Mrs. Lawrence Heine, 1913.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1914.
Miss Dorothea de Schweinitz, 1914.
Miss Louise Thaeler, 1914.
Miss Louise de Schweinitz, 1914.
Mr. T. H. Mueller, 1914.
38 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School.

August Wucherer, 1913,
Superintendent, 1915.
A. W. Schmigh, 1912,
Secretary, 1915.
Stanley Benner,
Assistant Secretary, 1912.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch,
Treasurer, 1911.
Roland Koch, Librarian, 1913.
Fred B. Hartman, Organist, 1910.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach,
1901-'08; '12,
Supt., Junior Dept., 1915.
Miss Eugenia Brunner, 1913,
Organist, 1914.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1901.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905,
Asst. Supt., Primary Dept.
Miss Myra Bruch, 1914,
Asst., Primary Dept.
Mrs. Floyd Myers,
Supt., Home Dept., 1905.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School.

Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Miss Bessie Schrader, 1908.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1910.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1911.
G. Ray Schmich, 1911.
Miss Geneva Morgan, 1911.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1912.
John Schupp, 1912.
Miss Edith Ross, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Miss Henrietta Brunner, 1913.
Miss Laura King, 1913.
Mrs. F. V. Kleckner, 1914.
Harold Lopp, 1914.
Allen Zimmerman, 1914.
Frederick Fulmer, 1914.
31 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School.

Rev. M. E. Kemper,
Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman,
Asst. Superintendent, 1907.
Frank B. Ricksecker,
Assistant Superintendent, 1911;
Organist, 1906.

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Elmer Remaley,
Assistant Superintendent, 1914.
J. Seward Titlow, 1911,
Secretary, 1912.
Joseph Heller, 1911,
Edgar A. More, 1912,
Assistant Secretaries.
Miss Charlotte Heine,
Supt., Primary Dept., 1887.
Miss Iva Krause,
Treasurer, 1901, also Asst. Supt., Primary Department.
Herbert Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Clayton Bernhardt,
Asst. Librarian, 1911.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Primary Dept. and Assistant Librarian.
Mrs. J. M. Yeakle,
Supt., Home Dept., 1913.
Mrs. C. H. Reichel,
Supt., Cradle Roll, 1913.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Mrs. William Halteman, 1903.
Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Myrtle Frankenfield, 1911.
Mrs. Anson Kuhns, 1911.
Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, 1912.
Richard Shields, 1912.
Miss Ada Schimmel, 1913.
Miss Laura Kemper, 1913.
Mrs. Henry Grosh, 1913.
A. W. Flath, 1913.
H. A. Kuehl, 1913.
Reinhold Heinkelman, 1913.
Miss Helen Yost, 1914.
Ralph Ueberroth, 1914.
Samuel Wedman, 1914.
Andres Stoltz, 1914.
Paul Allen, 1914.
Warren Nonnemacher, 1914.
Gerhart Mueller, 1914.
Clarence Richter, 1914.
35 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School.

Charles H. Rominger, 1909,
Superintendent, 1913.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Edward C. Roest, 1888.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92;
Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Peter Boquel, Manual Training and Physical Instructor, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1909.
Miss Elida Barnes, 1912,
Physical Instructress.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1913.
Miss Gertrude Lennox, 1914.
Harold Lopp, 1914.

Musicians.

Organists.

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Fred B. Hartman,
West Side Chapel, 1910.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Eugenia Brunner,
Pianist, West Side Primary Department, 1913.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905,
Pianist, Central Sunday School.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., Central, 1909.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Laurel Street Primary Dept., Sunday School, 1909.
8 persons.

Trombonists.

August H. Leibert, 1868,
Leader, 1912.

Soprano.

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Charles Kemper, 1908.
Earl Bruch, 1910.
Hugh Kemper, 1913.

Alto.

August H. Leibert, 1868.
Spurgeon G. Sigley, 1908.
William Miller, 1910.

Tenor.

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George E. Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1909.
Lowell Otis, 1910.

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Bass.

Charles F. Beckel, 1888.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1888.
Theodore W. Shields, 1898.
Owen W. Rice, 1909.
Rusk Maynes, 1911.

18 persons.

Orchestra, Central Church.

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.
Hans Roemer, 1909.
William C. Hartman, 1909.
Leonard Luckenbach, 1909.
Robert P. Stout, 1911.
George Pettinos, 1900.
Jesse Kreidler, 1910.
Howard Haas, 1910.
Lowell Otis, 1911.
Miss Carolyn Otis, 1912.
Miss Beatrice Doster, 1912.
Edward C. Hartman, 1913.
Ellis Kleckner, 1914.
Albert Doster, 1914.

19 persons.

Singers, Church.

Soprano.

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Mrs. Charles E. King, 1904.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Elizabeth Schrader, 1909.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1909.
Miss Pauline Detterer, 1909.
Miss Katherine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Mae Schupp, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1911.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1912.
Miss Marion Weber, 1913.
Miss Nola Van Horn, 1913.
Miss Ruth Barres, 1913.
Miss Della Ide, 1914.
Miss Margaret N. Leibert, 1914.

Alto.

Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Mrs. Edward F. Gray, 1901.
Miss Agnes Luckenbach, 1908.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.
Mrs. Fred. J. Rice, 1903.
Mrs. George Weber, 1905.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Helen Gray, 1909.
Miss Mildred Milchsack, 1909.
Miss Frances Roest, 1909.
Mrs. Robert L. Spencer, 1897.
Miss Viola Remaley, 1911.
Miss Phyllis Thomas, 1912.
Miss Eugenia Brunner, 1913.

Tenor.

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
R. V. K Eberman, 1902.
Fred H. Wilhelm, 1899.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.

Bass.

Emil Goth, 1894.
The Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1903.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
David Rebstock, 1911.
Carl Pharo, 1912.
Philip Thomas, 1910.
Donald McCall, 1912.
Marshall B. Haas, 1914.

53 persons.

Officers of the Central Church

R. Fred Mease, President.
Miss Agnes Wolle, Vice-President.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab, Secretary.
Miss Caroline Belling, Treasurer.

Committee on Membership

R. Fred Mease.
Miss Agnes Wolle.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Miss Caroline Belling.
Russell Eberman.
Fred Schupp.
Miss Viola Remaley.
Miss Esther Riegel.

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Emergency Choir.

Dr. A. G. Rau, Director.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox, Leader.
Mrs. F. V. Kleckner.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach.
Mrs. C. H. Rominger.
Miss Louise Thaeler.
Miss Beatrice Doster.
Mrs. C. E. Roest.
Mrs. S. D. Luckenbach.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Mrs. Fred J. Rice.

12 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel.

Soprano.

Miss Geneva Morgan, 1908.
Miss Hazel Hutchinson, 1912.
Miss Henrietta Brunner, 1913.
Miss Miriam Swartz, 1913.
Miss Rosalind Strawn, 1913.
Mrs. Wm. Hause, 1914.

Alto.

Miss Josephine Herman, 1909.
Miss Effie Savitz, 1913.
Miss Elizabeth Morgan, 1914.

Tenor.

John Schupp, 1909.
Roland Koch, 1912.

Bass.

William Hause, 1914.
Richard Job, 1914.

Officers, West Side Chapel Choir

William Hause, President.
Miss Effie Savitz, Vice-President.
Roland Koch, Secretary.
Miss Josephine Herman, Treasurer.
Richard Job, Librarian.

Singers, Laurel Street Chapel

Soprano.

Miss Helen Halteman, 1908.
Miss Florence Mack, 1908.
Miss Helen Sweitzer, 1913.
Miss Marguerite Richter, 1913.
Miss Adelaide Hoffert, 1914.
Miss Laura Kemper, 1914.

Alto.

Miss Dorothy Eberman, 1913.
Miss Mildred Kemmerer, 1914.

Tenor.

J. Seward Titlow, 1911.
Merritt Michael, 1911.

Bass.

Clayton Bernhardt, 1911.
Hugh Kemper, 1913.
Claude Fegley, 1914.

13 persons.

Janitors.

James Orner, 1910, Church, Old Chapel, and Sunday School Chapel.
Lewis P. Horlacher, 1912, Parochial School.
Mrs. James Orner, 1910, Lovefeast Helper.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1897, Laurel Street Chapel.

5 persons.

Sexton of Cemeteries.

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.

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VIII. The Necrology.

One name, that of Cornelia Elizabeth (Leinbach) Wolle, born February 3, 1827, and died January 15, 1913, should have appeared in the necrology of the Report of 1913; but was inadvertently omitted.

The following register covers the period, January 1, to December 31.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Cora Elizabeth (Doster) Moses	April 5, 1870	January 3, 1914
Sarah (Worman) Wolle	November 13, 1848	January 23, 1914
Sarah (Simons) Long	January 16, 1839	Janary 26, 1914
Anna (Baumann) Vogt	May 3, 1843	January 30, 1914
Emily Augusta (Beckel) Crittenden	April 10, 1850	March 2, 1914
Marie Helen Christman	April 5, 1913	April 12, 1914
Ellen Jane (Whitesell) Baum	May 25, 1851	April 18, 1914
Julius Benjamin Luckenbach	January 1, 1838	April 27, 1914
Eugene Augustine Brunner	March 5, 1847	April 30, 1914
Marcus Christman Fetter	August 6, 1841	May 1, 1914
Caroline A. (Guetter) Schropp	March 13, 1842	May 10, 1914
William Henry Fahs	June 15, 1838	May 31, 1914
Caroline (Grosh) Lawall	May 4, 1833	June 10, 1914
Leslie Drauch Ruth	March 30, 1896	July 5, 1914
John Howard Kleintop	February 7, 1914	July 6, 1914
Raymond Edwin Bodder	January 5, 1912	July 18, 1914
Maria (Toenges) Lawall	April 2, 1843	April 28, 1914
Henry Timothy Philip Grosh	October 21, 1856	August 3, 1914
Henry Benjamin Luckenbach	August 6, 1873	August 14, 1914
Annie Elizabeth (Musselman) Bishop	October 18, 1873	September 26, 1914
Mary Ann Matilda (Leibert) Giering	August 29, 1856	October 9, 1914
James Madison Fahs	June 15, 1838	October 20, 1914
Elizabeth Sophia (Frey) Anewalt	February 24, 1841	November 5, 1914
William Samuel Hermany	December 1, 1866	November 7, 1914
Sarah Caroline Franket	June 20, 1914	November 16, 1914
Clara Susanna (Marsteller) Beers	May 14, 1865	December 4, 1914
Caroline Maria (Fetter) Becker	August 17, 1837	December 8, 1914
Lewis Schwitzgable	February 4, 1831	December 13, 1914
Anna Maria (Swigert) Bernhardt	July 26, 1846	December 19, 1914
Richard Crittenden	June 10, 1831	December 24, 1914
Sarah Catharine Nauman	January 31, 1834	December 25, 1914
Benjamin Irwin Drake	January 8, 1868	December 31, 1914

Of these four were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of thirteen persons who were not members of the congregation, of whom eleven were adults and two were children.

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OF

The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

1915

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Preface.

This, the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Annual Report of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa., is placed in the hands of all the membership, in the hope that it may be a valuable review of the activities of the year that is past, and a stimulus for the work that is ahead.

If carefully preserved, this Report will be valuable when reference is desired to the various activities of the Congregation, or to their leadership.

While all possible care has been given to each part, it is entirely possible that minor errors have crept into the statements. If these are pointed out, their perpetuation will be guarded against in next year's Report.

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The Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem, Pa.

[Organized June 25, 1742.]

Legally incorporated April 3, 1851, as "The Congregation of United Brethren of the Borough of Bethlehem and its Vicinity."

Officers of the Congregation.

Corrected to the end of December, 1915.

PASTOR.—Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.

ASSISTANT PASTORS.—Manuel E. Kemper, 1905; William H. Fluck, 1911.

GERMAN PREACHER IN OLD CHAPEL.—A. Schultze, D.D.

BOARD OF ELDERS.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio and Secretary;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* Emil J. Bishop, ('13-'16); James R. Schmid, ('13-'16); Albert G. Rau, ('14-'17); James E. Krause, ('14-'17); G. Frederick Krause, ('15-'18); Otto J. Sawyer, ('15-'18).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Abraham S. Schropp, *President*, ('13-'16); Franklin C. Stout, *Vice-President*, ('15-'18); J. Samuel Krause, *Treasurer*, ('14-'17); Joseph M. Leibert, *Secretary*, ('14-'17); William J. Steinmueller, ('13-'16); Augustus W. Schmich, ('13-'16); Harry J. Meyers, ('14-'17); Allen J. Sterner, ('15-'18); Frank I. Klinker, ('15-'16).

SCHOOL BOARD.—Arthur D. Thaeler, *President ex officio;* Manuel E. Kemper, *member ex officio;* William H. Fluck, *member ex officio;* Clayton C. Teter, *Secretary*, ('14-'17); Charles H. Wenhold, *Treasurer*, ('14-'17); G. William Riegel, ('13-'16); Charles E. Beckel, ('15-'16); Abraham C. Prince, ('15-'18); John Leibert, ('15-'18).

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ALMONERS.—Harry B. Eggert, *President*, ('14-'19); Eugene A. Rau, *Secretary and Treasurer*, ('15-'20); Frank V. Kleckner, ('11-'16); James T. Borhek, ('12-'17); Henry B. Schneller ('15-'18).

AUDITORS.—Harrison C. Desh, Franklin H. Brunner, Frederick H. Wilhelm, (all '15-'16).

PRESIDENT OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Harry J. Meyers, ('15-'16).

SECRETARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL.—Joseph M. Leibert, ('15-'16).

The Church Council consists of all members of the congregation entitled to vote according to Section 7 of the Charter, (Hand-book, pp. 21 and 61).

The officers enumerated above, excepting the Pastors, are elected by the voting members of the congregation in accordance with Sections 5, 8 and 14 of the Charter and paragraph 15 of the By-Laws, (Hand-book, pp. 21, 58, 62, 69).

The years in parenthesis indicate the term of service of each.

The names of all other official servants of the congregation are given in a later Section.

Places of Worship and Weekly Services.

I.—THE CENTRAL CHURCH, corner of Main and Church Streets. (Consecrated May 18, 1806.)

Sunday: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon; 7:30 P.M., Evening service.

II.—THE OLD CHAPEL, rear of Old Clergy House near the Church.

Alternate Sundays: 10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon (German).

Wednesday: 7:45 P.M., Mid-week service.

III.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL CHAPEL, main School Building, third floor.

School Days: 8:45 A.M., Morning Prayer for School.

IV.—THE WEST SIDE CHAPEL, corner Third and Prospect Avenues.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The West Side Sunday School.
6:15 P.M., Meeting of the West Side Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

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Thursday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Intermediate C. E. Society.

Friday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Junior C. E. Society.

V.—THE LAUREL STREET CHAPEL, Laurel Street, between Main and New Streets.

Sunday: 9:00 A.M., The Laurel Street Sunday School.
10:30 A.M., Litany and Sermon.
7:30 P.M., Evening Service.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Junior C. E. Society.

Friday: 4:30 P.M., Meeting of the Intermediate C. E. Society.
7:45 P.M., Meeting of the Laurel Street Y. P. S. C. E.

VI.—EDGEBORO, near to Easton Road.

Sunday: 9:45 A.M., Sunday School.
10:30 A.M., Litany and sermon.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

VII.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAPEL, near the "Green."

Sunday: 2:00 P.M., The Central Sunday School.
6:30 P.M., Meeting of the Central Y. P. S. C. E.

Tuesday: 4:15 P.M., Meeting of the Central Junior C. E. Society.

VIII.—REDINGTON.

Sunday: 1:30 P.M., Sunday School.

IX.—NISKY HILL CEMETERY CHAPEL. For the use of the public when required in connection with interments in the cemetery.

Holy Communion.

(See Hand-book, pp. 112-117.)

Love-Feasts.

(See Hand-book, pp. 101-113.)

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Festal Eve Services.

Festal Eve Services, other than those strictly preparatory to the Lord's Supper, are: 1. The Vigils of Christmas at 6 P.M. 2. The Vigils of New Year, 4 P.M., for the children; 7:30 and 11:30 P.M., for adults. 3. The Vigils of Easter at 7:30 P.M. Services preparatory to the Choir Covenant Days and the Congregational Anniversaries are held on the preceding Friday evenings.

Morning Prayer.

(See Hand-book, page 109.)

In reference to other special services of Lent, the Passion Week and other Holy Days, see Hand-book, pages 92-100.

I and II. The Public Means of Grace, and the Pastorate and Pastoral Work.

(Taken in large part from the annual report of the Board of Elders to the Church Council.)

It has not been a year of as great numerical increase as some others, for only 48 souls were received into the membership of the congregation on Palm Sunday, and a few others at other seasons, but neither has there been any considerable defection.

There has been no interruption of the regularity of services for worship during the course of the year. The assistance of other ministerial brethren during the Summer made it possible to maintain this. The Laurel Street C. E. Society again arranged for Sunday evening services during the warm months.

At Edgeboro the graduation of the entire corps of theological students who had been engaged in the work necessitated the substitution of a whole new corps of workers secured from town, but

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this was successfully accomplished, and that which had been well begun was steadily carried forward, both in the Sunday School and in the preaching services.

The appeal is now being made for funds to erect a suitable chapel in Edgeboro, a fine situation having been secured by the congregation. As soon as the fund is large enough to warrant building, this will be done.

During the Spring and Summer a proposition to unite all the Churches of the Bethlehems in a Community Evangelistic Campaign did not meet with sufficient encouragement from the respective Boards to warrant the effort. During the early Fall, however, there developed in the Ministerial Association a proposition which appealed more strongly to all, for a united Church Advance Movement. This has, since the first Sunday in December, been in operation, and will continue until Easter. It has already brought about a measure of co-operation and contact between the various Churches which is notable, and is creating a feeling of encouragement in all Church work.

The services of the Week of Prayer, in our own congregation, took the form of preaching services, and Brother John Greenfield, the newly appointed Provincial Evangelist, was secured for these. The meetings continued for eleven days, and developed a deep spirit of introspection and reconstruction. The effects were also immediately seen in the classes which presented themselves for catechetical instruction, preparatory to confirmation.

A Church canvass of the Bethlehems was also a part of the plan of the Advance Movement, and was successfully carried out, affording much valuable information to the congregations and pastors that can be used in the coming months.

There has been a general feeling that there are abundant possibilities before any Church which dares to face the situation that has developed in the Bethlehems. But the need is for a truly awakened spirit and a courage of vital faith, before anything can be accomplished that is commensurate with the opportunity.

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III. The Schools of the Congregation.

I.—THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

The past year in the Parochial School has been a successful and happy one. The registration at the end of November was 223, 60% of which was non-Moravian. The standard of work is being maintained, and there has been development in the business course. Several new typewriters have been added to the equipment.

The "M. P. S.," the school paper, is again being published regularly, and is securing good material. The Missionary Society has assumed the support of a native evangelist in Surinam. The athletic teams have been enthusiastic, and the Literary Society has been holding good meetings. Two glee clubs have also been organized. Thus, apart from the actual studies, there has been a general education in school community life. In addition to local patronage, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of out-of-town pupils.

During the Summer a tennis-court was constructed, and the play-grounds were graded, the Alumni Association assisting with a gift of $75.00. The Board of Trustees had the Chapel entirely renovated, and placed a fire-escape on the gymnasium. The equipment of the institution is therefore excellent.

Bro. Matthew J. Schmid, for twenty years a member of the School Board, and its Secretary, departed this life in November, and the School loses in him one of its most solicitous friends.

There has been renewed interest in the Alumni Association, which is now giving hearty support to the management.

Abstract from the Report of the Treasurer of the Moravian Parochial School, for the year ending November 30, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$ 450 49	
Tuition	4,585 50	
Miscellaneous	44 00	
Gymnasium and Manual Training	142 00	
Received from Board of Trustees on account Appropriations	5,200 00	
		$ 10,421 99

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Light and Fuel	$ 418 26	
Miscellaneous Expenses	838 84	
Chemical Laboratory	88 73	
Gymnasium	60 30	
Books and Stationery	220 86	
Manual Training	60 88	
Salaries	8,543 50	
Balance in Bank, November 30	170 62	
		$ 10,421 99

CHARLES H. WENHOLD, *Treasurer.*

II.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

When the Sunday School activity of the congregation is considered, the four Schools must be taken together, for more and more are they being co-ordinated, and brought into co-operation. We speak of four directly connected with the congregation, but there is a fifth, at Redington, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which is being entirely manned by workers from Bethlehem, who find among the foreigners of this point an unusually interesting and perplexing field. The very difficulties are a stimulus.

The annual picnic of the four Sunday Schools in July was a great success, being an occasion that brought together in a social way hundreds who need this personal touch with each other.

Combined statistics:

Scholars, male, 454; female, 567; total, 1021.

Teachers and officers, male, 48; female, 63; total, 111.

Total membership in the schools, 1132.

Average attendance, 831.

On the cradle roll there are 91 names, and in the Home Department, 209.

There are therefore 1432 souls connected with the Sunday Schools of the congregation.

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A.—THE CENTRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We regret once more to record a heavy decrease in the enrollment of the Central Sunday School. The causes for this are not so plain. It may be temporary,—we hope so. Or it may be due to the inevitable drift of young families, and therefore families with children, toward the more newly developing parts of the town. One thing can be said, and said with emphasis,—there has not been a period in the history of the school when there has been greater steadiness and faithfulness on the part of the teachers and officers. Out of a corps of 36 teachers and officers, it is seldom, outside of the Summer months, when necessarily other conditions obtain, that more than one or two are absent.

There is also a good spirit among the scholars, who, even if the apparent decrease of membership is real, do not seem to be alarmed at it. There has been a prompt readiness on the part of all to respond to any suggestion made from the leaders of the work, which has been very delightful. The vacation custom must, of course, be taken into account when the average attendance is asked. The Summer months are rightly the time for change, and vacations reduce the attendance here during that period. But the fidelity inculcated by the "Cross and Crown" system has made many a scholar hunt out some Sunday School each Sunday during the absence from home, in order to attend it, whereas formerly vacation meant frequently Sundays with little or nothing of spiritual instruction.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 148; female, 187; total, 335.

Teachers and officers, male, 15; female, 21; total, 36.

Total enrollment, 163; female, 208; grand total, 371.

Average attendance, 267.

Home department visitors, 8; members, 96; total, 104.

Cradle roll, 36.

Collection in the school itself during the year, $750.03; through the Home Department, $110.10; Christmas collection, from the congregation, $49.27; total, $909.40. Donations amounted to $848.84. Expenses, $345.55

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B.—THE WEST SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The West Side Sunday School has made considerable progress during the past year. Sessions are held at 9 o'clock every Sunday morning. Its three departments prosper, each under its own superintendent. The officers and teachers, constituting almost an entire new corps of workers, have shown a very great degree of interest and devotion to the school. A number of new hymn-books, the newly devised class-book and a well-kept card index have added materially to the equipment of the school. The Zinzendorf Bible Class for adults is a steadily growing organized movement that is attracting the interest of many, besides doing good work in supplying substitute teachers for the classes. The average attendance for the whole school has increased 19 per cent. over that of last year. There were few Sundays when the attendance was low. An effort was made on the part of the pupils not to miss often. There were 45 pupils and 3 officers and teachers present every session during the year.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 117; female, 145; total, 262.

Teachers and officers, male, 11; female, 22; total, 33.

Total enrollment, male, 128; female, 167; grand total, 295.

Home Department, 79.

Cradle Roll, 24.

Average attendance in the school proper, 245.

Expenses for the year, $270.19. Donations, $347.00.

C.—LAUREL STREET SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There has been no gain in the registration of this School, but a very decided increase is evident in the regular attendance. On only a few Sundays did the attendance fall below 200, while the highest mark reached was 335. And this not at Christmas time, but in May!

Our equipment to care for this large number of young people remains the same, therefore there must be considerable shifting of things to accommodate all who come to us.

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The teachers and officers have been exceptionally faithful, and are always ready to co-operate in any advance movement. Our pledge of $250.00 for the Moravian College was paid in full.

Statistics: Scholars, male, 150; female, 174; total, 324.

Teachers and officers, male, 16; female, 19; total, 35.

Total enrollment, male 166; female, 193; grand total, 359.

Average attendance, 269.

Home department, visitors, 1; members, 25; total, 26.

Cradle roll, 31.

Donations for the year, $413.44. Expenses, $267.77.

D.—EDGEBORO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This Sunday School rounded out a full year of activity on October 24, 1915. This first year has held the experiences common to new organizations, first a rapid growth, then almost as rapid a decline, (due to the complete change of officers last June, when the students left College who had been here engaged,) and a resumption of the normal growth in the Fall. At present the total enrollment is 107; boys, 35; girls, 40; women, 21; men, 4. Teachers, male, 6; female, 1; total, 7. The average attendance has been 50.

During the year $194.99 has been spent for supplies, etc. The Edgeboro Chapel Fund also contains $154.29.

IV. The Societies of the Congregation.

A.—THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

1.—The Women's Missionary Society.

Organized March 8, 1818.

During the year three meetings were held.

The address at the anniversary service on Whitsunday evening, May 23, was given by the Rev. S. H. Gapp, D.D.

The receipts, including the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, were $657.68. Donations amounting to $500.00 were made to the Leper Hospital in Jerusalem, the General Mission

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Fund, the Mission Deficit, and Kingston, Jamaica; to Carmel, Jamaica, and Queenstown, Demerara.

Two new members were added to the Society, and five members departed this life. The membership at present is 385.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. W. Detterer; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Thaeler; Second Vice-President, Mrs. James Borhek; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Fred Krause; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Librarian, Mrs. J. M. Levering.

Collectors: Mrs. Richard Cunningham, Mrs. Fred Schwarze, Mrs. James Yeakle, Mrs. T. W. Shields, Mrs. Owen Luckenbach, Mrs. David Groman, Mrs. Charles W. Clewell, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. F. Yost, Mrs. Maria Sensenbach, Miss Maria Schneller, Miss Georgie Bishop.

2.—The Young Men's Missionary Society.

Organized September 7, 1840.

The Young Men's Missionary Society has continued steadily its self-appointed task, the gathering of funds to support the Superintendent of the Nicaraguan Mission, and also to maintain its support of other causes which have for years engaged its attention.

At the anniversary of 1915 the Society was fortunate in securing as its speaker Mr. John R. Mott, who stands at the head of the vast Student Federation of the world. In fact, in recent years this occasion has been the opportunity to bring to Bethlehem men of national and international reputation, and this has been recognized, for great congregations have been gathered to hear the guests of the Society.

There are 233 active members on the roll, 49 associate, and 93 life members, a total of 375.

The donations of the year amounted to $1249.19, including the $1043 due for the support of the Superintendent of the Nicaraguan Mission.

The expenses of various kinds amounted to $148.26.

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Officers: President, Theo. W. Shields; Vice-President, Edward J. Krause; Secretary, Fred. B. Hartmann; Treasurer, G. Fred. Krause; other members of the Executive Committee, Frank I. Klinker, H. J. Meyers, William A. Steinmüller.

3.—*The Mite Society.*

Organized in 1878.

The Mite Society has but one object, the support of the General Mission Treasury of the Church. While other Societies give in this direction or that, it was realized, years ago, that the general treasury was ultimately responsible for all the work. Out of this realization the Mite Society was born, comprising those who are willing to set aside five cents a month for this particular object.

There are now 217 members, and the contributions sent forward amounted to $111.00.

Officers: President, Miss Helen de Schweinitz; Secretary, Miss Georgie Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Mary Krause.

Collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Mrs. Sumter Forney, Mrs. Harry C. Bealer, Miss Mary Krause, Miss Helena Hoch, Miss Marguerite Eberman, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Dorothea de Schweinitz, Miss Louise Thaeler, Miss Carrie Herbst, Miss Katherine Meixell, Miss Georgie Bishop.

4.—*Missionary Society of the Parochial School.*

Organized May 10, 1881.

The last year has been one of the most successful in the history of this Society. Last year it was suggested that, instead of giving the money received from the voluntary contributions to any needy cause suggested by the advisory committee, the Society should support a native evangelist, and the proposition was at once adopted. The contributions immediately increased, so that before the year had expired the fifty dollars needed had been raised, and turned over to the Provincial Treasurer.

There are no dues in this Society, but there is a collection, once a month, of voluntary contributions, from the 243 members in the

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School. Thus the Mission Treasury of the Church is relieved of at least a small part of its annual expense.

Officers: President, Abraham S. Thaeler; Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Drake; Secretary, Miss Edith Turner; Treasurer, Katherine Rebstock.

5.—*The Home Missionary Society.*

Founded March 5, 1849; organized August 28, 1849; incorporated January 16, 1865.

The Board of Directors held three meetings during the course of the year, to attend to the appropriations, and to consider the proper distribution of the funds that the congregation raises for Home Missions through the monthly collections, the anniversary offerings, and the house-to-house canvass.

The annual meeting was held on May 23, and the anniversary was observed on Trinity Sunday evening, May 30, the address being delivered by the Rev. Edmund deS. Brunner.

The offerings in the Church and Chapels amounted to $996.68; the canvass in May added $428.50; the interest on investments was $251.25. The donations, including the quota of the congregation for the Provincial Home Mission Treasury and that of the Eastern District, were $1114.71.

Officers: President, the Rev. A. D. Thaeler; Vice-President, the Rev. M. E. Kemper; Recording Secretary, Augustus H. Leibert, Corresponding Secretary, Edward C. Roest; Treasurer, James E. Laubach; additional Directors, Oliver A. Clewell, Henry A. Krause, Rev. F. E. Lennox, Augustus W. Schmich, Frank Kleckner, H. B. Eggert.

6.—*The Alaska Auxiliary Society.*

Founded April 16, 1884; organized November 28, 1889.

From its very inception the work of the Church in Alaska has been near to the heart of the Bethlehem congregation, which pledged its special support to the enterprise. The Alaska Auxiliary was then formed, to appeal annually to the congregation and all

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its members, from home to home,—"lest we forget." This collection is made in the month of October.

The annual business meeting was held on the evening of Sunday, February 28.

The house-to-house canvass brought in $518.95, and the offering on New Year's Eve was $53.00.

The expenses were $9.93.

Officers: President, Henry A. Krause; Vice-President, F. H. Brunner; Secretary, Charles W. Clewell; Treasurer, Theodore Kampmann.

Directors: The Pastors, *ex officio*, F. I. Klinker, C. H. Wenhold, Mrs. A. J. Sterner, Mrs. F. H. Huth, Mrs. E. A. Rau, Miss Elizabeth R. Luckenbach, Miss Irene Ross, O. A. Clewell, Mrs. J. H. Traeger, Mrs. C. W. Clewell.

Other Collectors: Mrs. Samuel Yost, Miss Louise Eggert, Miss Sarah Spinner, Miss Helen Schneller, Miss Dorothy Doster, Miss Helen Halteman, Miss Pauline Detterer, Mrs. Ferdinand Yost, Mrs. Francis Miller, Miss Anna Laubach, Mrs. Alfred C. Betge.

7.—*West Side Missionary Society.*

Inaugurated in 1904.

This is one of the Missionary Societies of the congregation that has undertaken the support of a native missionary. It looks to all West Side members and Chapel attendants for contributions. No dues are asked, but offerings are received monthly, by an envelope system. The amount necessary for the support of Native Missionary Ramsay, of our Nicaraguan Mission, is $100.00. At the anniversary lovefeast, held in November, the address was made by the Rev. Clarence E. Romig, of Buxton Grove, Antigua. The receipts of the year were $133.22. Contributions, $100.00.

Officers: President, Fred. B. Hartmann; Secretary, Harry L. Fisher; Treasurer, Clyde C. Meixell.

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B.—THE SEWING SOCIETIES.

1.—The Ladies' Sewing Society.

Organized January 28, 1869.

The work has been carried on faithfully by the active members, several having been added to the number. There is room for still more, and the afternoons of pleasant intercourse over the work would repay those who might be able to join this organization.

Donations amounting to $400.00 were made at Christmas time to home missionaries, and five young ministers received surplices from the Society. There are 38 active and 16 honorary members.

Officers: President, Mrs. F. H. Huth; Vice-President, Mrs. L. F. Leibfried; Secretary, Mrs. O. de Schweinitz; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Pownall.

2.—The Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Organized October 9, 1881.

The Sewing Circle has continued its steady support of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

There are 22 active members, and 10 honorary.

A contribution of $300.00 was made to the College during the year.

Leader: Miss Caroline Stadiger.

3.—The Busy Workers.

Organized March 1, 1884.

The annual Fair was held on October 16, in the Sunday School Building, and the entertainment, given in the Chapel of the Moravian Seminary on October 21, and repeated on the 22nd, brought in an additional sum, to be divided among the causes which have been for years supported by the Society.

Each of the following received $50.00: Home Missions, Alaska, and the Moravian College. Twenty-seven home missionaries' wives also received checks of ten dollars, as a Christmas remembrance.

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There are 27 active members, and 21 honorary, a total of 48.

Officers: President, Mrs. B. I. Drake; Vice-President, Mrs. John O. Liebig; Secretary, Miss Dorothy Doster; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Taylor.

4.—The Twenty Minute Society.

Organized in October, 1893.

The Twenty Minute Society works steadily on the practical side of Home Mission enterprises, for it seeks to encourage the workers in the field by supplying the practical necessities of life.

Twenty active and three honorary members are enrolled, and two boxes of clothing and household supplies were sent to home missionaries at Thanksgiving, amounting in value to $310.00, including the checks which accompanied the domestic articles.

Seven meetings were held during the course of the year, at the homes of the members.

Officers: President, Mrs. Edward Jacobson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Pownall; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. Detwiler; Treasurer, Mrs. Eugent A. Rau.

5.—Ladies' Aid Society of the West Side Chapel.

Organized April 2, 1903.

This Society has had another successful year. Thirty-three meetings were held at the Chapel, Wednesday afternoons being thus spent socially and at work for the annual Sale, held in February.

Donations were made to Missions and to local improvements, amounting to $122.75. The expenses were $23.70.

Active members, 18; honorary, 3.

Officers: President, Mrs. A. T. Doster; First Vice-President, Mrs. Morris Kindig; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Peter Remaley; Secretary, Mrs. Harry L. Fisher; Treasurer, Mrs. Wallace Bobst.

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6.—*Ladies' Aid Society of Laurel Street Chapel.*

Organized October, 1903.

This Society continues its activity in hopeful anticipation of better accommodations for the growing work in the northern part of Bethlehem. It meets for quilting and sewing each Wednesday afternoon, and for business on the last Thursday evening of each month. Seventeen quilts were made and eleven aprons were sold. A Winter picnic and a Summer outing were also held, stimulating the social feeling.

The Society has cash on hand and invested amounting to $160.00, for the Building Fund.

There are 26 members.

Officers: President, Mrs. M. E. Kemper; Vice-President, Miss Emma Heine; Secretary, Mrs. Adam Meyer; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Henry B. Schneller; Treasurer, Mrs. William Desh.

C.—THE UNION OF KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

Organized June 10, 1895; first Circles formed in 1887.

There are now 29 Circles in the Union, with a membership of 432 souls; in addition there are 41 honorary members. This is a very substantial increase over last year.

The Union as such supports a trained nurse, who gives invaluable service in all parts of the congregation. But in addition the various Circles have sent gifts to the Bohemian Orphanages, bandages to the American Hospital in Paris, contributions to the Associated Charities of the Bethlehems, a number of home missionaries, local sick and needy, the Union's supply closet, and various homes at Christmas time. Postal card albums have also been prepared for the Alaska Mission and the Leper Hospital, and quilts for the Children's Home in South Bethlehem.

The Union held its annual bandage-rolling, 705 bandages being prepared for the Leper Hospital in Surinam. The Hospital in Jerusalem also received $25.00 in cash. In addition, 647 bandages were prepared for the war sufferers in Europe.

The Union's receipts for the year amounted to $1051.30. The amount necessary for the support of the nurse was $518.45.

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The names of the Circles follow, with their leaders:

Name of Circle.	Leader.	Date of Organization.
Helpers,	Mrs. O. de Schweinitz,	1887
Watchful,	Mrs. E. A. Rau,	1887
Whatsoever,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1887
Lend A Hand,	Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz,	1889
Benigna,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1892
Opportunity,	Mrs. J. M. Levering,	1894
Bethany,	Mrs. E. C. Roest,	1894
Loyal,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1894
Anna Nitschmann,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1894
Clover Leaf,	Miss E. R. Luckenbach,	1894
Steadfast,	Mrs. C. L. Moench,	1895
Forget-me-not,	Mrs. F. W. Detterer,	1897
Thoughtful,	Mrs. E. J. Bishop,	1897
Golden Rule,	Mrs. H. A. Jacobson,	1898
Cup of Loving Service,	Miss Helen de Schweinitz,	1898
Dorcas,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1899
Faithful Workers,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck,	1901
Ever Willing,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck,	1902
His Own,	Mrs. W. N. Schwarze,	1902
The Nearest Duty,	Mrs. M. E. Kemper,	1906
Always Ready,	Mrs. F. B. Hartman,	1909
Burden Bearers,	Miss Mary G. Smith,	1909
Unto Me,	Mrs. A. D. Thaeler,	1910
The King's Jewels,	Miss Ottilie Heine,	1913
Inasmuch,	Mrs. Harry L. Fisher,	1913
Speak No Evil,	Mrs. W. H. Fluck,	1915
Silver Cross,	Mrs. Clarence H. Reichel,	1915
Do What You Can,	Mrs. Thomas W. Shields,	1915
I'll Try,	Mrs. C. F. Schwarze,	1915

Officers: President, Mrs. Paul de Schweinitz; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Emil J. Bishop, Mrs. W. N. Schwarze, Miss Eliza Luckenbach; Recording Secretary, Miss Iva Krause; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice Shelly; Treasurer, Miss Susan Milchsack.

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D.—THE MORAVIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

There are four Societies in the Union, including that in South Bethlehem, and the present membership is 110. The Executive Committee is composed of the Presidents of the Societies, with one additional member from each.

Quarterly meetings have been held, and each Society has acted as host in turn. Excellent addresses have been given at these meetings, and social features have also been introduced.

At the meetings, $15.00 was collected.

While not organically members of the Union, the Junior Societies and the Intermediates are also very active in the congregation, and are doing excellent work.

Officers: President, Sidney Johnson; Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Viola Remaley; Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Miss Della Preisch.

1.—West Side Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized June 15, 1888.

Meetings have been held for prayer and for other devotional exercises every Sunday evening before the regular service, except in mid-Summer. Contributions were made by the members regularly, through an envelope system, which was introduced this year. A "Red" and "Blue" competition for new members gave enthusiasm to the year's work. There are now 43 members.

A donation of $17.50 was made to the California Indian Mission, and the expenses amounted to $15.70.

Officers: President, Miss Viola Remaley; Vice-President, Miss Effie Savitz; Recording Secretary, Miss Henrietta Brunner; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mae Schupp; Treasurer, Miss Hazel Hutchinson.

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2.—*West Side Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 9, 1892; disbanded October, 1893; reorganized February 21, 1896.

There are 35 members on the roll, and the average attendance has been 22. The prayer-meetings have been conducted along conservative lines, the children themselves taking part, under the careful guidance of the leader. Two musical entertainments were given, and meetings are held every Friday, at 4:15 p.m.

Receipts, $16.17. Donation to the California Indian Mission, $14.50. Expenses, $1.67.

Leader in charge, Mrs. W. H. Fluck. Pianist, Miss Martha Luckenbach.

3.—*West Side Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized November 6, 1914.

There are 22 members in this organization, and they meet every Thursday afternoon. The meetings are conducted by the young people themselves, and of a devotional character. At Christmas baskets of provisions were sent out to several families.

Receipts, $5.07. Donation to the California Mission, $3.50. Expenses, 55 cents.

Officers: President, Madge Bader; Vice-President, Martha Luckenbach; Secretary, Myra Bruch; Treasurer, Miss Edith Ross.

Leader in charge, Miss Edith Ross.

4.—*Central Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Organized January 20, 1889; reorganized April 29, 1902.

While the membership of the Society is not as large as last year, it having been felt wise to begin the Fall work with a resignature of the pledge and constitution, and to re-form the Society as a thoroughly compact and earnest body, there is evident a deeper interest among the members. There are now 31 members on the active list, and 13 honorary members.

The Sunday School work at Redington has been continued throughout the year, and that work is steadily progressing.

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The "dollar a member" plan has been launched, for the benefit of the Mission Deficit, and it has been proving successful.

Christmas baskets were, as usual, distributed among the needy, and a short devotional service was held in each home visited.

Cottage prayer-meetings, arranged by the evangelistic committee, have also been frequently held with the invalid members of the congregation, and have been helpful in their way.

The pledge of $65.00 toward the support of Bro. W. H. Weinland in the California Mission was fully met, and other causes received donations, to the amount of $38.70. The expenses were $30.16.

Officers: President, Miss Louise S. Thaeler; Vice-President, Samuel Wedman; Recording Secretary, Miss Katharine Maynes; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Della Preisch; Treasurer, James Shields; Assistant Treasurer, Abraham S. Thaeler.

5.—Central Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized April 7, 1892.

The work has been progressing very well this year. The children have been attentive, and quite willing to lead the meetings, and to take part in other ways.

As different schools close at different hours in the afternoon, it is necessary for some of the members of the Society to wait for others before beginning the meeting. The time is spent sometimes in playing games, and sometimes in making scrap-books, to be sent to the Mission in Jamaica.

Missionary contributions were made, amounting to $14.75. Expenses, $2.16.

There are 30 members recorded, 23 girls, and 7 boys. But an increase in this number is confidently expected in the near future.

Leaders: Miss Louise S. Thaeler, and Miss Georgie Bishop.

6.—Laurel Street Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Organized September 27, 1892.

This Society again took up the problem of the Sunday evening service at the Chapel, when otherwise there would have been

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none, during the Summer months. Speakers were procured, and services held on the lawn whenever the weather permitted. Good attendance was an encouragement.

The regular meetings of the Society are held on Friday evenings, at 7.45 o'clock. Occasionally members visit the shut-in and sick, and hold brief services for them. Needy families have also been helped.

Donations during the year amounted to $19.27, and the expenses to $25.49.

There are 35 members, 12 male and 23 female.

Officers: President, James Kilpatrick; Vice-President, Miss Ada Wiener; Secretary, Miss Maud Overfield; Treasurer, Hugh E. Kemper.

7.—*Laurel Street Junior Christian Endeavor Society.*

Organized April 21, 1894.

The Society meets every Tuesday afternoon, except during the Summer months. Much interest has been manifest during the year. One Social was held, and a Christmas entertainment was given. Work was also done for the colored children in New York City.

There are 70 members, 30 boys and 40 girls.

Donations were made, amounting to $22.50. The expenses were $10.56.

Leaders in charge: Christian Weber, Reinhold Henkelmann, and Miss Emma More.

8.—*Laurel Street Intermediate Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Early in the year it seemed advisable to organize an Intermediate Society, to fill the gap between the Junior Society and that of the Young People. This has proved to be a wise step. Meetings are held every Friday afternoon, at 4.30 o'clock, and are conducted much as are those of the older Society. Officers have been elected from among the members themselves. The girls dressed dolls for the children of one of our colored congregations

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in New York City. Two quilts were also made, with some assistance from the Ladies' Aid Society, and sent to our missionaries in Alaska.

There are 28 members, 8 boys and 20 girls.

Donations amounted to $16.75. Expenses, $4.47.

Leaders in charge: Christian Weber, and Mrs. Truman Matz.

9.—Edgeboro Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Organized November 10, 1914.

There is now a membership of 20, 5 boys and 15 girls. Weekly meetings are held, in charge of one or more helpers. Last year the proceeds from collections, the sale of papers and rubbers, amounting to $5.80, were contributed to the Mission in California. This year the Juniors are also collecting tinfoil, and the money raised will again be given to some worthy cause.

Superintendent, C. Conrad Shimer. Assistants, in charge of the meetings, Mr. Fischel and Mr. Splies, of the Moravian College.

E.—OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1.—The Young Men's League.

Organized March 16, 1902.

The work of the League has steadily continued during the year, the membership showing a slight increase. The gymnasium of the Parochial School is at the disposal of the League three evenings each week, from October 1 to May 1, after which date outdoor work is taken up.

The basket-ball team has again been organized, and expects to make a good showing.

Officers: President, Harvey Miller; First Vice-President, Frank Gapp; Second Vice-President, Frank Weaver; Secretary, Russell D. Olpp; Treasurer, Raymond W. Bodder.

2.—The Trombone Choir.

During the year the trombonists were called out 134 times. Of these occasions 29 were for death announcements, 27 for funerals, and 78 for festivals and other occasions.

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The organization counts 17 members, 5 sopranos, 3 altos, 5 tenors, and 4 basses.

Leader: Augustus H. Leibert.

3.—Laurel Street Ushers' Association.

Organized October 1, 1906.

The Association continues to do faithful work at the Chapel. An effort has been made to interest more of the young men in the work of the Church. Various meetings have been held, with this object in view. The most important of these was that held in the gymnasium of the Moravian College, in the early Spring. Prof. Reiter, of Lehigh University athletics, was the speaker of the evening. A baseball team was formed among the Laurel Street young men, and a number of games were played.

There are 13 active members in the Association. The expenses of the year were $15.33.

Officers: President, Clarence H. Reichel; Vice-President, Walter S Titlow; Secretary, Clayton W. Bernhardt; Treasurer, Adam Meyer; Fifth Member, J. Seward Titlow.

4.—The Emergency Choir.

There are ten members of this choir, which renders musical assistance at funerals. This service is one of the kindliest that it is possible to render, and is correspondingly appreciated. During the year the choir responded to 22 calls.

Leader: Mrs. F. E. Lennox; Musical Director, Prof. A. G. Rau.

5.—The Moravian College Guild.

Organized January 24, 1910.

The Guild has continued its work of supplying the Moravian College and Theological Seminary with linens, kitchen utensils, and dishes for the dining room.

The donations this year amounted to $101.27.

There are 20 Directors, including the following officers:

President, Mrs. Archibald Johnston; Vice-President, Mrs. Frank I Klinker; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Anna M. Pownall.

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VI. The Statistics of Membership.

A.—The Increase and Decrease of Membership for 1915.

CHURCH MEMBERS.	Totals on Dec. 31, 1914.	INCREASE DURING 1915. Adults Baptised.	Confirmed. Moravians.	Confirmed. Non-Moravians	Received. Moravians	Received. Non-Moravians	Re-admitted.	DECREASE DURING 1915. Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed	Dropped.	Totals Dec. 31, 1915.	
A.—*Communicants, viz:*													
Males	754		4	5	2	10	1	12		2	1	761	
Females	1012		17	10	0	13	8	16		14	0	1030	
													1791
B.—*Non-Communicants over 13 years, viz:*		*Transferred from Children.*			*Received.*			*Died.*	*Transferred to Communicants.*	*Dismissed.*	*Dropped.*		
Males	60	7			1				4			64	
Females	52	9			4				17			48	
													112
C.—*Children, viz:*		*Baptized.*			*Baptized.*			*Died.*	*Transferred to Non-Communicants*	*Dismissed*	*Dropped.*		
Boys under 13 years	171	11			6			1	7	0		180	
Girls under 13 years	135	13			3			3	9	2		137	
													317
Grand Total	2184												2220

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B.—Distribution of Membership.

COMMUNICANTS.

	Resident		Non-Resid'nt		Souls		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Resident	Non-Resid'nt	Total
Married Couples	364	364	16	16	728	32	760
Married Men	81		22		81	22	103
Married Women		115		41	115	41	156
Widowers	38		6		38	6	44
Widows		140		15	140	15	155
Single Men	207		16		207	16	223
Single Women		289		18	289	18	307
Older Boys	11				11	—	11
Older Girls		32			32	—	32
Total Communicants	701	940	60	90	1641	150	1791

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Resident Communicants	701	940	1641
Non-Resident Communicants	60	90	150
Total Communicants	771	1030	1791
NON-COMMUNICANTS.			
Single Men	16		16
Single Women		9	9
Older Boys	48		48
Older Girls		39	39
Total Non-Communicants	64	48	112
CHILDREN.			
Resident	167	129	296
Non-Resident	13	8	21
Total	180	137	317
GRAND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.			
Resident	932	1117	2049
Non-Resident	73	98	171
Grand Total	1005	1215	2220

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C.—The Choir Divisions.

	Males	*Females*	*Total*
Married People	483	536	1019
Widowers	44		44
Widows		155	155
Single Men	239		239
Single Women		316	316
Older Boys	59		59
Older Girls		71	71
Children	180	137	317
Grand Total Membership	1005	1215	2220

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V. General Financial Statistics.

Contributions.

EXPENSES OF CONGREGATION.	From Local Membership.	From Local Funds.	From District Board.	From Board of Church Extension	From other Congregations or Individuals.	Totals.
Salaries of Pastors	$4635 00					$ 4635 00
" Organist	376 50	$ 1273 50				1650 00
" other officials		3650 00				3650 00
Repairs and Improvements	458 83	1846 43				2305 26
Parochial School	1006 50	7782 84			$3579 00	12368 34
Sunday School	346 03	675 00				1021 93
New Building—Church						
Expenses of Parsonages	385 87					885 87
Provincial Assessment		1059 60				1059 60
Beneficence within the Congregation	609 81	524 63				1134 44
All other expenses	707 78	4570 75				5278 48
Total	$8141 80	$21768 12			$3579 00	$33488 42

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General Financial Statistics—Continued.

Contributions.

ENTERPRISES OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH.	Collections.	Sunday School.	Societies.	Congregational Fund.	Bequests or Donations.	Totals.
Retired Ministers and Widows	$ 121 41	$ 80 00	.....	.....	$ 24 83	$ 267 24
Bohemian Mission	548 66	151 77	$ 49 10	.....	379 81	1129 34
Foreign Missions—in general	783 06	120 00	317 47	.....	59 87	1280 40
" " Special objects	293 77	82 00	1794 69	.....	695 90	2866 36
Alaska Mission	180 60	85 00	619 02	.....	119 88	1004 50
Home Missions—in general	272 22	95 00	450 78	.....	5 13	823 13
" Dist. Ch. Extension	110 24	25 00	710 00	.....	.....	845 24
" Other spec'l objects	286 38	56 62	1068 49	$ 50 00	10 00	1471 49
Theological Seminary	272 25	812 89	583 15	500 00	499 19	2617 48
Increase of Sustentat'n Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
All other Causes	.....	.....	.....	.....	5624 00	5624 00
Total	$2909 59	$1508 28	$5542 70	$550 00	$7468 61	$17979 18
General Christian Objects	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 49
GRAND TOTAL for Expenses of the Congregation, for Enterprises of the Moravian Church, and for General Christian Objects	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$51562 09

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VII. A Register

of the Constituted Authorities and of the Official Servants of the Congregation at the End of the Year 1915

(The number placed after each name indicates the year in which the worker began this particular form of congregational service. On pages 5 and 6 can be learned the present term for which each member of the principal Boards has been elected.)

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Officers Under the Charter

The Ministry

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.

3 persons.

Officers of Church Council

Harry J. Meyers, 1905.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905.

2 persons.

The Board of Elders

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Albert G. Rau, 1896.
Emil J. Bishop, 1894-'03, '07.
G. Frederick Krause, 1909.
James R. Schmid, 1913.
James E. Krause, 1914.
Otto J. Sawyer, 1914.

9 persons.

The Board of Trustees

Abraham S. Schropp, 1867-'76, '89.
Franklin C. Stout, 1900.
J. Samuel Krause, 1876-'82, '87.
Allen J. Sterner, 1894.
Harry J. Meyers, 1896.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1904.
William A. Steinmueller, 1913.
Augustus W. Schmich, 1913.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1916.

9 persons.

The School Board

Arthur D. Thaeler, 1901.
Manuel E. Kemper, 1905.
William H. Fluck, 1911.
Charles H. Wenhold, 1896.
Abraham C. Prince, 1889.
G. William Riegel, 1907.
Clayton C. Teter, 1911.
Charles E. Beckel, 1915.
John Leibert, 1915.

9 persons.

The Almoners

Harry B. Eggert, 1904.
Eugene A. Rau, 1915.
Frank V. Kleckner, 1911.
James T. Borhek, 1911.
Henry B. Schneller, 1915.

5 persons.

The Auditors

Harrison C. Desh, 1889.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1908.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1906.

Persons in attendance and Custody Church, Chapels, School, Cemeteries.

Sacristans, Church

Charles H. Wenhold, 1885.
Head Sacristan, 1907.
Orlando B. Desh, 1868.
Vice Head Sacristan, 1898.
John E. Leibfried, 1913.
Secretary, 1915.
Edward J. Krause, 1888.
Allen J. Sterner, 1890.
Henry A. Krause, 1898.
Franklin I. Klinker, 1898.
Franklin H. Brunner, 1904.
George J. Grider, 1904.
G. Frederick Krause, 1907.
Howard A. Riegel, 1907.
James R. Schmid, 1910.
Frank S. Schwab, Jr., 1911.
Mrs. Cornelia M. Traeger, 1890.
Head Female Sacristan, 1912, and Treasurer, 1894.
Mrs. Jane E. Krause, 1896.
Vice Head Female Sacristan, 1912.

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Mrs. Alonzo Keller, 1888.
Mrs. Levin F. Leibfried, 1890.
Mrs. Charles H. Wenhold, 1893.
Mrs. Allen J. Sterner, 1893.
Mrs. Oliver A. Clewell, 1893.
Mrs. William M. Constable, 1899.
Mrs. Frank H. Huth, 1903.
Mrs. Harry O. Levers, 1909.
Mrs. Henry A. Krause, 1909.
24 persons.

Sacristans, Old Chapel

Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1892.
William Spatzier, 1897.
Charles W. Clewell, 1898.
E. J. Gerlach, 1905.
August Spiegler, 1909.
Ferdinand Dennig, 1909.
George W. Grube, 1910.
7 persons.

Sacristans, West Side Chapel

William M. Constable,
Vice Head Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Charles Hackman, 1912.
James Hutchinson, 1912.
Morris Kindig, 1912.
Samuel Mack, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the West Side Chapel, 1912.
Mrs. Harry Fisher, 1912.
Mrs. Charles Hafleigh, 1912.
Mrs. Morris Kindig, 1912.
Mrs. James F. Maynes, 1912.
Mrs. Peter J. Remaly, 1912.
12 persons.

Sacristans, Laurel Street Chapel

Henry B. Schneller,
Vice Head Sacristan for the Laurel Street Chapel, 1913.
Mrs. Henry B. Schneller,
Vice Head Female Sacristan for the Laurel Street Chapel, 1913.
2 persons.

Ushers' Association, Laurel Street Chapel

Clarence H. Reichel, 1906,
President, 1915.
Walter S. Titlow, 1909,
Vice-President, 1915.
Clayton W. Bernhardt, Secretary, 1912.
Adam Meyer, 1912, Treasurer, 1915.
1915.
J. Seward Titlow, 1909,
Member Executive Committee, 1915.
Arthur G. Hewitt, 1906.
Edgar A. More, 1907.
Joseph H. Heller, 1908.
Robert P. More, 1909.
Elmer E. Remaley, 1912.
George S. Worsley, 1914.
Leonard J. Krause, 1914.
Ray G. Griffith, 1915.
13 persons.

Collectors of Offerings, Church

Nicholas Schwab, 1896,
Chairman, 1910.
Alfred C. Betge,
Vice Chairman, 1910.
Eugene A. Rau, 1886, Secretary.
Arthur C. Krause, 1892.
G. William Eberman, 1896.
Morris G. Bishop, 1898.
Clinton O. Lehr, 1900.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1902.
Oliver M. Barres, 1904.
Oliver A. Clewell, 1907.
Samuel A. Redline, 1908.
Oran C. Snyder, 1908.
Jacob E. Miller, 1908.
Richard Cunningham, 1910.
Arthur W. Kluge, 1912.
Jesse M. Bodder, 1912.
Clarence Beckel, 1915.
Ralph Beckel, 1915.
Albert E. Eberman, 1915.
Henry N. Roest, 1915.
Robert N. Schwab, 1915.
C. F. Schwarze, 1915.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1915.
George D. Turner, 1915.
John Wilbur, 1915.
Paul G. Wear, 1915.
26 persons.

Laurel Street Chapel Committee

Sidney Johnson, 1913-'16, Chairman.
F. E. Weinland, Treasurer, 1914-'17.
Victor More, 1913-'16.
O. J. Sawyer, 1914-'17.
Robert Schaeffer, 1915-'18.
William Steinmueller, 1915-'18.
M. E. Kemper, *ex officio.*
7 persons.
(Frank Ricksecker, Secretary, 1914.)

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West Side Chapel Committee

Frank V. Kleckner, 1914-'17, Chairman, 1915.
Harry L. Fisher, 1914-'17, Secretary.
Morris Kindig, 1915-'18, Treasurer.
Wallace F. Bobst, 1913-'16.
A. W. Schmich, 1913-'16.
G. Raymond Schmich, 1915-'18.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, *ex officio.*
7 persons.

Persons Engaged in School Work

Officers, Central Sunday School

The Rev. A. D. Thaeler, Superintendent, 1907.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck, General Pastoral Assistant, 1911.
Miss Jeanette Murray, 1910, Supt., Primary Dept., 1914.
Miss Harriet Olpp, Assistant, Primary Dept., 1910; Supt., Cradle Roll, 1911.
Mrs. Mary E. Herbst, Supt., Home Dept., 1907.
Charles W. Clewell, 1889, Secretary, 1907.
Jesse Bodder, Assistant Secretary, 1913.
Clarence H. Boehm, Treasurer, 1897.
Jos. M. Leibert, Pianist, 1905.
Leonard Luckenbach, Musical Director of Orchestra, 1913.
Miss Pauline Detterer, Pianist, Primary Dept., 1909.

Other Teachers, Central Sunday School

The Rev. Augustus Schultze, D.D., 1892.
The Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D., 1880-'85; 1898.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1893.
Mrs. Caroline Detterer, 1894.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Miss Louise Eggert, 1909.
Miss Nola Van Horne, 1910.
Frederick H. Wilhelm, 1910.
Mrs. G. Wm. Eberman, 1910.
David Rebstock, 1911.
Miss Clara Hoch, 1912.
Mrs. Alfred Betge, 1912.
Otto J. Sawyer, 1912.
Clayton C. Teter, 1913.
Donald McCall, 1913.
Mrs. Samuel H. Gapp, 1913.
Miss Dorothy Doster, 1913.
Mrs. Lawrence Heine, 1913.
Mrs. Joseph H. Traeger, 1914.
Miss Louise Thaeler, 1914.
Miss Louise de Schweinitz, 1914.
Mrs. T. W. Shields, 1915.
Miss Mary Thomas, 1915.
Miss Catherine Eberman, 1915.
Mrs. John Smith, 1915.
James Shields, 1915.
Charles W. Fowle, 1915.
H. A. Kuehl, 1915.
39 persons.

Officers, West Side Sunday School

August Wucherer, 1913, Superintendent, 1915.
G. Raymond Schmich, 1911, Assistant Superintendent, 1915.
A. W. Schmich, 1912, Secretary, 1915.
John Schupp, 1912, Assistant Secretary, 1915.
Stanley Benner, Assistant Secretary, 1912.
Miss Harriet G. Miksch, Treasurer, 1911.
Roland Koch, Librarian, 1913.
Fred B. Hartman, Organist, 1910.
Mrs. Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1901-'08; '12, Supt., Junior Dept., 1915.
Miss Eugenia Brunner, 1913, Organist, 1914.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger, Supt., Primary Dept., 1901.
Miss Marguerite Eberman, 1905, Asst. Supt., Primary Dept.
Miss Myra Bruch, 1914, Asst., Primary Dept.
Mrs. Floyd Myers, Supt., Home Dept., 1905.
The Rev. W. H. Fluck.

Other Teachers, West Side Sunday School

Miss Bertha Tallon, 1906.
Miss Della Preisch, 1908.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1910.
Samuel D. Luckenbach, 1911.
Miss Geneva Morgan, 1911.
Mrs. W. H. Fluck, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1912.
Miss Edith Ross, 1912.
Clyde C. Meixell, 1912.
Miss Henrietta Brunner, 1913.
Miss Laura King, 1913.

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Mrs. F. V. Kleckner, 1914.
Miss Viola Remaley, 1915.
Miss Kathryn Maynes, 1915.
Miss Daisy Leidich, 1915.
Eugene Oerter, 1915.
Mrs. H. S. Beidelman, 1915.
Mrs. William Morgan, 1915.
William Miller, 1915.
Charles R. Sterner, 1915.
35 persons.

Officers, Laurel Street Sunday School

The Rev. M. E. Kemper, Superintendent, 1906.
Edward A. Eberman, Assistant Superintendent, 1907.
William A. Steinmueller, Assistant Superintendent, 1915.
Elmer Remaley, Assistant Superintendent, 1914.
Frank B. Ricksecker, Assistant Superintendent, 1911; Organist, 1906.
E. A. More, Secretary, 1915.
William More, Assistant Secretary, 1915.
Frank Weaver, Assistant Secretary, 1915.
J. Seward Titlow, Secretary, Honor System, 1915.
Miss Charlotte Heine, Superintendent, Primary Department, 1887.
Miss Iva Krause, Treasurer, 1901; also Assistant Superintendent, Primary Department.
Truman Matz, Assistant Superintendent, Primary Department, 1915.
Mrs. Arthur Hewitt, Organist, Primary Department, 1915.
Mrs. Granville Schupp, Assistant Organist, Primary Department, 1915.
Herbert J. Herbst, Librarian, 1896.
Clayton Bernhardt, Assistant Librarian, 1911.
Mrs. J. M. Yeakel, Superintendent, Home Department, 1913.
Mrs. C. H. Reichel, Superintendent, Cradle Roll, 1913.

Other Teachers, Laurel Street Sunday School

Miss Emily Pfeiffer, 1899.
Mrs. William Halteman, 1903.
Miss Daisy Nonnemacher, 1904.
Miss Myrtle Frankenfield, 1911.
Mrs. Julius Geisenderfer, 1912.
Mrs. Henry Grosh, 1913.
H. A. Kuehl, 1913.
Reinhold Heinkelman, 1913.
Warren Nonpemacher, 1914.
Miss Edna Wiener, 1915.
Miss Edith Young, 1915.
Mrs. Clayton Bernhardt, 1915.
Mrs. Truman Matz, 1915.
Miss Naomi Heller, 1915.
Miss Dorothy Eberman, 1915
Miss Bertha Young, 1915.
Miss Esther Roemer, 1915.
Paul Tesh, 1915.
36 persons.

Officers, Edgeboro Sunday School

C. Conrad Shimer, Superintendent, 1915.
Mahlon S. Getz, Secretary, 1914.
Herbert J. Fenner, Treasurer, 1914.
George Getz, Organist, 1914.
Miss Lizzie Eisenhardt, Superintendent, Primary Department, 1915.

Other Teachers, Edgeboro Sunday School

Frank Splies, 1915.
Frederick Fulmer, 1915.
Walser Allen, 1915.
James Shields, 1915.
Theodore Shields, 1915.
10 persons.

Superintendent and Teachers of the Parochial School

Charles H. Rominger, 1909, Superintendent, 1913.
Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Edward C. Roest, 1888.
Miss Agnes L. Wolle, 1889-'92; Teacher of Singing, 1892.
Miss Minnie H. Clewell, 1898.
Miss Bertha Hark, 1899.
Edward A. Yellis, 1903.
Peter Boquel, Manual Training and Physical Instructor, 1907.
Miss Helen de Schweinitz, 1909.
Miss Elida Barnes, 1912, Physical Instructress.

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Miss Bertha Tallon, 1913.
Miss Gertrude Lennox, 1914.
Harold Lopp, 1914.
Theodore Shields, 1915.
Miss Kathryn Maynes,
Secretary, 1915.

Musicians

Organists

Albert G. Rau, Church, 1905.
Mrs. M. H. Shields,
Old Chapel, 1900.
Fred B. Hartman,
West Side Chapel, 1910.
Frank Ricksecker,
Laurel Street Chapel, 1906.
Miss Eugenia Brunner,
Pianist, West Side Primary Department, 1913.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1905,
Pianist, Central Sunday School.
Miss Pauline Detterer,
Pianist, Primary Dept., Central, 1909.
Miss Florence Mack, 1909,
Organist, Laurel Street Primary Dept., Sunday School, 1909.
8 persons.

Trombonists

August H. Leibert, 1868,
Leader, 1912.

Soprano.

Russell Sigley, 1906.
Joseph M. Leibert, 1906.
Charles Kemper, 1908.
Earl Bruch, 1910.
Hugh Kemper, 1913.

Alto.

August H. Leibert, 1868.
Spurgeon G. Sigley, 1908.
William Miller, 1910.

Tenor.

J. George Lehman, 1899.
George E. Sigley, 1902.
Raymond Bodder, 1906.
Abraham S. Thaeler, 1909.
Lowell Otis, 1910.

Bass.

Charles F. Beckel, 1888.
J. Samuel Wolle, 1888.
Owen W. Rice, 1909.
Rusk Maynes, 1911.
17 persons.

Orchestra, Central Church

A. M. Weingartner, 1894.
William F. Hartman, 1887.
E. L. Buchman, 1899.
Ezra Doster, 1905.
Edward S. Groman, 1903.
Owen Rice, Librarian, 1908.
Hans Roemer, 1909.
William C. Hartman, 1909.
Leonard Luckenbach, 1909.
Robert P. Stout, 1911.
George Pettinos, 1900.
Jesse Kreidler, 1910.
Howard Haas, 1910.
Lowell Otis, 1911.
Miss Carolyn Otis, 1912.
Miss Beatrice Doster, 1912.
Edward C. Hartman, 1913.
Ellis Kleckner, 1914.
Albert Doster, 1914.
Robert N. Schwab, 1914.
Harry Lennox, 1914.
Alvin Wilson, 1915.
22 persons.

Singers, Church

Soprano.

Miss Martha Wunderling, 1887.
Miss Mary Neisser, 1901.
Miss Carrie Belling, 1904.
Miss Harriet Miksch, 1904.
Miss Elizabeth Luckenbach, 1904.
Miss Agnes Wolle, 1905.
Mrs. Charles H. Rominger, 1905.
Mrs. John Leibert, 1905.
Miss Florence Canam, 1909.
Mrs. Donald McCall, 1909.
Miss Mildred Milchsack, 1909.
Miss Bertha Tallon, 1909.
Miss Pauline Detterer, 1909.
Miss Katherine Maynes, 1911.
Miss Mae Schupp, 1911.
Miss Ellen Schupp, 1911.
Miss Esther Riegel, 1912.
Miss Marion Weber, 1913.
Miss Nola Van Horn, 1913.
Miss Ruth Barres, 1913.
Miss Margaret N. Leibert, 1914.
Miss Marion Thornton, 1915.
Miss Schuler, 1915.
Mrs. Clarence Hill, 1915.

Alto.

Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Mrs. Edward F. Gray, 1901.
Mrs. R. V. K. Eberman, 1908.
Miss Annie Reiner, 1905.

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Mrs. Fred. J. Rice, 1903.
Miss Mabel Jacoby, 1905.
Miss Pauline Milchsack, 1902.
Miss Laura Belling, 1907.
Miss Helen Gray, 1909.
Miss Viola Remaley, 1911.
Miss Phyllis Thomas, 1912.
Miss Eugenia Brunner, 1913.

Tenor.

F. V. Kleckner, 1888.
R. V. K. Eberman, 1902.
S. D. Luckenbach, 1905.
Granville Schupp, 1905.
Harry Lennox, 1915.
Henry Shimer, 1915.
John Schupp, 1915.

Bass.

Emil Goth, 1894.
The Rev. W. N. Schwarze, 1903.
Theo. W. Shields, 1903.
R. Fred Mease, 1905.
Fred Schupp, 1905.
Carl Pharo, 1912.
Philip Thomas, 1910.
Donald McCall, 1912.
Marshall B. Haas, 1914.
L. S. Thornton, 1915.
Mr. Buchman, 1915.

54 persons.

Officers of the Choir

R. Fred. Mease, President.
Miss Agnes Wolle, Vice-President.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab, Secretary.
Miss Caroline Belling, Treasurer.

Committee on Membership

The Officers.
Miss Mary Neisser.
Miss Eugenia Brunner.
Frank V. Kleckner.
Carl Pharo.

Emergency Choir

Dr. A. G. Rau, Musical Director.
Mrs. F. E. Lennox, Leader.
Mrs. F. W. Detterer.
Mrs. F. V. Kleckner.
Miss Harriet Miksch.
Miss Eliza Luckenbach.
Mrs. C. H. Rominger.
Mrs. E. C. Roest.
Miss Beatrice Doster.
Miss Elizabeth Schwab.
Mrs. J. Fred Rice.

11 persons.

Singers, West Side Chapel

Soprano.

Miss Henrietta Brunner.
Miss Hazel Hutchinson.
Miss Golden Bachman.
Mrs. Herbert Beidleman.
Miss Catharine Meixell.
Miss Alma Musselman.
Miss Nellie Musselman.

Alto.

Miss Josephine Herman.
Miss Effie Savitz.
Miss Daisy Leidich.
Miss Dagmar Bachman.

Tenor.

Roland Koch.
Alvin Wilson.

Bass.

Edward Hartman.
Albert Doster.

15 persons.

Janitors

James Orner, 1910, Church, Old Chapel, and Sunday School Chapel.
Lewis P. Horlacher, 1912, Parochial School.
Mrs. James Orner, 1910, Lovefeast Helper.
Moritz Roessler, 1905, West Side Chapel.
Herbert Herbst, 1897, Laurel Street Chapel.

5 persons.

Sexton of Cemeteries

Andrew Maurer, Jr., 1906.

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VIII. The Necrology

The following register covers the period, January 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915.

Name.	*Born.*	*Died.*
Elmira Clarissa (Gauff) Peysert	August 16, 1827	January 3, 1915
Charles William Strohl	April 23, 1914	January 8, 1915
Henry Theophilus Clauder	February 21, 1841	January 20, 1915
Frank J. Snyder	December 20, 1871	February 6, 1915
Louise Ann Lizette (White) Luckenbach	February 22, 1844	March 2, 1915
Jane Eliza (Luckenbach) Leibert	May 23, 1874	March 14, 1915
Frederick Albert Gapp	January 3, 1890	March 23, 1915
Benjamin Franklin Caffrey	April 3, 1829	March 31, 1915
Lucy Haynes Hamilton	March 12, 1868	April 6, 1915
Rosalind Matilda (Pflueger) Hartman	December 22, 1842	April 13, 1915
Lena Louise Barrall	April 18, 1914	April 17, 1915
Leonora Ernestina (Stocker) Levers	May 5, 1837	May 31, 1915
Luella Alberta (Kuhns) Keller	January 2, 1880	June 14, 1915
Frederick William Goerlich	September 5, 1858	June 24, 1915
George G. Myers	April 23, 1844	June 23, 1915
Irene Susan Bodder	March 12, 1873	June 27, 1915
Sarah (Frantz) Walter	April 19, 1847	July 31, 1915
Marion Elizabeth Emery	May 20, 1908	August 20, 1915
Robert Paul Stout	April 1, 1869	August 25, 1915
Mary (Skinner) Riegel	January 5, 1833	September 4, 1915
Emma Irene Heffelfinger	July 7, 1915	October 5, 1915
Lorenzo Daily	October 22, 1841	October 6, 1915
Douglas Stanley Knauss	February 14, 1890	October 11, 1915
Emma Sybilla (Rose) Walters	December 18, 1829	November 10, 1915
Laura Amanda (Wittmeyer) Weiss	September 13, 1860	November 26, 1915
John David Wolle	September 10, 1842	December 1, 1915
Emeline (Titus) Allam	August 7, 1847	December 3, 1915
Matthew John Schmid	February 25, 1847	December 3, 1915
James David Kern	September 27, 1838	December 8, 1915
Julius Eugene Wuensche	August 28, 1832	December 20, 1915

Of these, four were children.

The pastors also officiated at the funerals of ten persons who were not members of the congregation.

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